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"	Creighton Wones,	P.	"	Walter S. Gray,	P.
"	John G. Vaughan,	P.	"	Albert C. Turrell,	P.
"	Merrick E. Ketcham,	P.	"	William A. Deaton,	P.
"	Edward S. Lewis,†	P.	"	George V. Morris,	P.
1885	Wilbur G. Warner,	P.	"	Marcellus B. Fuller,	P.
"	John L. Dalbey,	P.	1894	David S. Ewry,	P.
"	Gilbert P. Austin,	P.	"	William T. Stafford,	P.
"	A. H. Lucas,	P.	"	James D. Darling,	P.
1886	George M. Fulton,	P.	"	William A. Wiant,	P.
"	Heber D. Ketcham,	P.	"	David Herr,	P.
"	Jacob L. Shively,	P.	"	Calvin W. Horn,	P.
"	Geo. L. Tufts,	P.	"	William L. Y. Davis,	P.

* Transferred to Minnesota Conference.

† Transferred to North Ohio Conference.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE IN A NUTSHELL.

(Compiled by the Secretary.)

NOTE.—By tracing references, many important points of order in parliamentary usages may be decided at a glance.

I. MOTIONS.

To adjourn,	1	a	*	B	a	II	x
To adjourn to a given time,	2	a	†	A	a	II	x
To amend,	3	a	†	A	a	II	x
To amend an amendment,	3	a	*	A	a	II	x
To amend the rules,	3	a	†	A	b	II	x
To appeal from the decision of the Chair <i>in re</i> decorum,	1	a	†	A	a	II	y
To appeal from the decision of the Chair generally,	3	a	*	A	a	II	y
To close debate,	1	a	†	A	b	II	x
To commit,	3	b	†	A	a	II	x
To extend limits of debate,	1	a	†	A	a	II	x
To lay on the table,	1	a	*	C	a	II	x
To limit debate,	1	a	†	A	b	II	x
To postpone to a definite time,	4	a	†	A	a	II	x
To postpone indefinitely,	3	b	*	A	a	II	x
To reconsider a debatable question,	3	b	*	B	a	II	z
To reconsider an undebatable question,	1	a	*	B	a	II	z
To make a subject a special order,	3	a	†	A	b	II	x
To substitute in the nature of an amendment,	3	a	†	A	a	II	x
To suspend rules,	1	a	*	B	b	II	x
To take up the order of the day,	1	a	*	A	a	III	y
To take from the table,	1	a	*	C	a	II	x
To take up a motion out of its proper order,	1	a	*	A	b	II	x
To withdraw a motion,	1	a	*	A	a	II	x

II. OTHER QUESTIONS.

Call to order,	1	a	*	A	a	III	y
Forms in which questions may be put,	15, 16, 17, 18, 19.						
Leave to continue speaking after indecorum,	1	a	*	A	a	II	x
Objection to consideration of question,	1	a	*	A	b	III	y
Precedence of questions,	5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14.						
Questions of privilege,	3	a	†	A	a	II	x
Reading papers,	1	a	*	A	a	II	x
Touching priority of business,	1	a	†	A	a	II	x
Whether a subject shall be discussed,	1	a	*	A	b	III	y

KEY TO REFERENCES.

DEBATE.

1. Undebatable: sometimes remarks tacitly allowed.
2. Undebatable, if another question is before the assembly.
3. Debatable.
4. Limited debate only on propriety of postponement.

MAIN QUESTION

- a. Does not allow reference to main question.
- b. Opens the main question to debate.

AMENDMENTS.

- *. Can not be amended.
†. May be amended.

RECONSIDERATION.

- A. Can be reconsidered.
- B. Can not be reconsidered.
- C. An affirmative vote on this question can not be reconsidered.

NECESSARY TO CARRY.

- a. Simple majority suffices.
- b. Requires two-thirds vote, unless special rules have been enacted.

SECOND.

- II. Must be seconded.
- III. Does not require a second.

WHEN IN ORDER.

- x. Not in order when another has the floor.
- y. Always in order, though another may have the floor.
- z. May be moved, and entered of record when another has the floor; but business then before assembly may not be put aside. Motion must be made by one who voted with the prevailing side, and on the same day the original vote was taken.

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE OF MOTIONS.

- 5. Fixing the time to which an adjournment may be made, ranks *first*.
- 6. To adjourn without limitation, *second*.
- 7. To take up order of the day, *third*.
- 8. To lay on the table, *fourth*.
- 9. For the previous question, *fifth*.
- 10. To postpone definitely, *sixth*.
- 12. To commit, *seventh*.
- 13. To amend, *eighth*.
- 14. To postpone indefinitely, *ninth*.

FORMS IN WHICH QUESTIONS MAY BE PUT.

- 15. *To strike out words*. "Shall the words stand part of the motion?" Unless a majority sustains the words they are struck out.
- 16. *Previous question*. "Shall the main question be now put?" This, if carried, ends debate.
- 17. *Appeal from the chair*. "Shall the decision of the chair be sustained as the ruling of the house?"
- 18. *Orders of the day*. "Will the house now proceed to the orders of the day?" This, if carried, supersedes intervening motions.
- 19. *Objection to considering questions*. "Shall the question be considered?" Objection may be made by any member before debate has commenced, but not subsequently.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. AFTER the usual **opening** religious exercises, the Secretary shall read the Minutes of the previous session.
2. No **motion** shall be entertained by the Conference till such motion shall have been seconded.
3. All **motions** shall be reduced to writing, if desired by any member of the Conference.
4. Every member desiring to **speak** on any subject before the Conference shall rise and address the President.
5. The member who first rises and addresses the President shall be entitled to the **floor**.
6. No member shall **speak** more than once on the same subject till all who may desire to speak shall have spoken; nor more than fifteen minutes at a time, without leave of the Conference.
7. All questions of **order** shall be decided by the President, subject to an appeal to Conference, without debate.
8. When any question is under debate, no **motion** shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone, to commit, or to amend; but a motion to adjourn shall always be **in order**, and this, as well as a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.
9. If the question before the Conference be capable of **division**, upon the call of any member, such question shall be divided.
10. The business of the Conference shall be conducted with **open doors**, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.
11. Any question may be **reconsidered** on the motion of any member who may have voted with the majority.
12. If any member call for the **previous question**, and such call shall be sanctioned by a two-thirds vote of the Conference, the main question shall then be put.
13. Each **Committee** of the Conference shall choose its own **chairman**, unless the chairman be designated by the Conference or the President in the appointment of the Committee.
14. The members of the Conference shall assemble in the Conference-room punctually at the hour to which the Conference adjourned, and no member shall absent himself from the place of Conference session without **leave of absence**.
15. In all practicable cases, where **charges** are preferred against a member of Conference, notice shall be given to the President on the first day of the session, that, if it be judged proper, his name may be called, and the case referred to a Committee.
16. No member of Conference shall be subject to **arrest of character** without having been timely furnished, wherever practicable, with a written copy of the charges and specifications against him.
17. The vote on any question shall be taken by **ayes and noes**, upon the call of fifteen members.
18. The **roll** of the Conference shall not be called in open Conference for the purpose of obtaining **subscriptions** of money from the preachers, except for Conference expenses, unless it shall be ordered by a three-fourths vote of the members then present and voting.
19. The printed Minutes of the Conference, including all reports adopted by the Conference, officially signed by the President, and edited and attested by the Secretary, shall be the **official record** of its proceedings.
20. No member who has spoken on a pending motion shall have the right to call for the **previous question**, or to move to lay the same on the table.

II.

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

WILMINGTON, O., September 5, 1894.

Opening.—The Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met this day in Wilmington, O., for its forty-third session. Bishop D. A. Goodsell, D. D., LL. D., took the chair at nine o'clock. He announced Hymn No. 798:

“And are we yet alive,
And see each other's face?”

which was heartily sung. He then read the second chapter of Ephesians, and, assisted by the presiding elders, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper to two hundred and forty-nine communicants.

Welcome.—After a brief intermission, Professor Merrick, superintendent of the Wilmington public schools, delivered a happy address of welcome on behalf of the Church and citizens. By request of Conference, Bishop Goodsell responded with pleasing and appropriate remarks.

Roll-Call.—The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll, and one hundred and fifty-three members were found to be present.

Officers.—Stanley O. Royal was elected Secretary by acclamation, with power to name his assistants. V. F. Brown, H. D. Ketcham, and D. Lee Aultman were so named.

W. J. Baker was elected Statistical Secretary; and upon his nomination, I. C. Page, J. H. McNary, and C. E. Schenk were elected his assistants.

C. W. Elliott was elected Treasurer, and selected as his assistants, O. M. Sellers and C. W. Horn

On motion of A. Lowrey, by a unanimous rising vote, a cordial welcome was extended to Bishop Goodsell. The Bishop then addressed the Conference with reference to the business of the Conference session and his relation to its work.

Rules of Order.—On motion of D. J. Starr, the rules of order governing last year's session were adopted. It was also resolved that local instead of standard time be followed, the sessions opening at 8.30 A. M., and adjourning at 12 M., the first half-hour to be spent in devotional services. The Bishop announced that he would be present, and conduct the devotions to-morrow morning.

Bar.—The front of the third window was fixed as the Conference bar. On motion of A. B. Leonard, the pastors of the city and visiting ministers were invited to sit within the bar.

J. L. Grover.—On motion of W. L. Hypes, the case of J. L. Grover was recommended to the Board of Conference Stewards for special consideration, and a Committee was appointed to send a letter of greetings from the Conference. The Committee was constituted as follows: A. Lowrey, J. F. Marlay, and W. L. Hypes. This Committee was also instructed to send a similar communication to William Herr.

Semi-Centennial.—On motion of T. H. Pearne, half-past ten o'clock to-morrow morning was fixed for the Semi-centennial Sermon of A. Lowrey.

Standing Committees.—On motion of George H. Dart, the list of Standing Committees, as nominated one year ago, was read, and, after slight changes, adopted. (See page 286.)

Visitors.—F. M. Green, LL. D., pastor of the Christian Church, this city, and Edward Thomson, D. D., of the Sunday League of America, were introduced to the Conference.

Lakeside.—A Special Committee on the Lakeside Camp-meeting was, upon motion of John Pearson, constituted as follows: E. S. Lewis, R. H. Rust, C. W. Barnes, W. A. Robinson, G. W. Dubois, L. E. Prentiss, and William Runyan.

Papers Referred.—Various papers were presented by the Bishop, and properly referred.

The papers concerning the Episcopal Fund and General Conference expenses, were referred to the presiding elders.

C. F. Enyart was appointed to represent the *Methodist Re-*

view, and J. S. Whitney to make collections and secure subscriptions for *Gospel in All Lands*.

General Conference Overtures.—Papers from the General Conference regarding changes in the Restrictive Rules were presented by the Bishop.

On motion of C. H. Payne, their consideration was made the order of the day, Saturday, at 10.30 A. M.

On motion of John Pearson, a Committee of seven was ordered to whom these papers were referred, with instructions to report at that hour. The Bishop appointed the following as that Committee: W. L. Hypes, R. S. Rust, E. S. Lewis, F. M. Clemans, F. G. Mitchell, J. P. Porter, Geo. H. Dart.

Drafts Ordered.—The Bishop announced that the Conference was entitled to the following sums for Conference claimants: From Book Concern dividends, \$1,402; from the Chartered Fund, \$25; and the drafts were ordered accordingly.

The time of the session was extended.

Statistical Session.—An afternoon session was ordered, on motion of D. J. Starr, for the gathering of statistics; and the Bishop appointed W. L. Hypes to preside.

Anniversaries.—S. B. Smith moved that the anniversaries of the Conference Temperance Society and of the General Benevolences be held in the evening instead of afternoon, as requested by the last Annual Conference. A substitute offered by E. T. Wells, referring the matter to the Committee on Public Worship, with instructions to provide evangelistic services in the afternoon, and anniversaries in the evening, was carried by a count vote of 58 to 42.

Announcements were made, and the session adjourned, with the benediction by the Bishop.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2.30 o'clock the Conference reassembled for a statistical session, W. L. Hypes in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by E. Burdsall.

The Minutes calling for this session were read by V. F. Brown, and, on motion, a call of charges was made, and those present gave their reports.

The list of Standing Committees was called, and announcements were made by their Chairmen.

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, the Conference Stewards were instructed to consider the case of W. I. Fee, with a view to an appropriation.

On the request of F. G. Mitchell, the Auditing Committee was instructed to examine his accounts as Treasurer of the American University for this Conference.

Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.—On invitation, Dr. J. W. Hamilton, a secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, ably addressed the Conference concerning the important work of that organization.

Dr. Edward Thomson briefly and eloquently addressed the Conference with regard to Sabbath Reform.

The session adjourned, with the benediction by A. B. Leonard.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, September 6, 1894.

At 8.30 o'clock this morning the Conference reassembled for devotional services under direction of Bishop Goodsell. At 9 o'clock the business began with the reading and approval of the journal of yesterday's sessions.

Change of Relation.—J. F. Marlay requested a change of relation for Henry Miller from effective to superannuated, and the request was granted; and, on motion, he was recommended to the Conference Stewards for as liberal appropriation as possible.

John Pearson requested a change of relation for L. F. Young from effective to supernumerary, and it was granted; his case also being referred to the Board of Stewards.

J. W. Mason requested leave of absence for I. C. Page, on account of sickness in his family. The request was granted.

Homer G. Curless was appointed Assistant Secretary for Railroad Certificates.

Transfers.—The following resolution, presented by F. G. Mitchell, was read and adopted:

Inasmuch as our Bishops and their cabinets have heretofore been greatly embarrassed in their work by the excess of incoming over out-

going transfers, and the Conference has been in an abnormally crowded condition; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we hereby request our presiding Bishop, if he shall find it practicable, to make no transfers into the Conference, except in such cases as shall admit of a reciprocal transfer out of the Conference.

THOMAS H. PEARNE,	FRANK G. MITCHELL,	J. F. MARLAY,
HEBER D. KETCHAM,	E. T. WELLS,	G. H. DART,
WILBUR G. WARNER,	A. B. LEONARD,	WILLIAM RUNYAN.

Sustentation.—On motion of D. J. Starr, a Committee of seven was ordered, to consider the proposed Sustentation Plan as published in last year's Minutes, and to report as soon as practicable. (See Minutes 1893, page 268. For Committee see page 302.)

Education.—T. H. Pearne read the report of the Trustees of Hillsboro College, and also his report as Visitor to the Woman's College at Baltimore. The reports were referred to the Committee on Education.

On motion of E. T. Wells, the decision of yesterday concerning afternoon and evening public services was reconsidered. It was then decided by vote to grant the Committee of Public Worship full liberty in arranging for the anniversaries and the evangelistic services.

T. D. Crow.—J. G. Vaughan offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee, consisting of M. Dustin and J. T. Bail, be appointed to examine the Conference record in the case of Rev. T. D. Crow, who was located, and to see that all papers referring thereto, ordered entered by the Conference, be recorded, if not already on record.

J. G. VAUGHAN.

The Thirteenth Question—"Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?"—was taken up. John Pearson, presiding elder of the Cincinnati District was called, and reported that there was nothing against any of the preachers on his district. He then presented his report of the district.

On motion, pastors were required to report such collections as are ordered reported by the Discipline, and also to state whether or not all the collections had been taken.

The Committee on Constitutional Questions was granted leave of absence.

The following effective elders were then called, those in charge reporting their collections: E. S. Lewis, F. M. Kirgan, G. P. Austin, C. W. Rishell, C. L. Conger, M. Swadener, S. G. Pollard, Creighton Wones, W. H. Sutherland, E. McHugh, R. H. Rust, J. H. Lease, D. J. Starr, Henry Hershey, E. S. Gaddis, George K. Morris, S. McChesney, J. W. Magruder, A. B. Austin, H. D. Ketcham, L. F. Young, Howard Henderson, G. L. Tufts, D. W. C. Washburn, Adam Bowers, J. W. Hickman, D. Lee Aultman, Amos T. Cowgill, Charles Hartley, S. Weeks, R. S. Rust, C. H. Payne, J. W. Bashford, A. Lowrey, H. C. Weakley, M. J. Cramer, J. W. Peters, J. Verity, and W. K. Brown.

Earl Cranston, D. D., Agent of the Western Methodist Book Concern, was introduced, and briefly addressed the Conference.

Semi-Centennial.—After a recess of five minutes, the Order of the Day was taken up. Asbury Lowrey, after singing and prayer, delivered a very interesting and valuable historical sermon, reviewing the fifty-six years of his ministerial life. The title of the sermon was, "Looking Backward;" the text, 2 Timothy i, 5.

After singing a verse beginning

"And if our fellowship below,"

the Bishop tenderly addressed Dr. Lowrey, expressing the appreciation of the Conference for the sermon, and for his successful ministry and able expositions of the Scripture doctrine of holiness.

On motion of T. H. Pearne, a Committee composed of five veterans and three of the younger men of the Conference, was appointed to prepare a minute of this service. (See page 390.)

On motion of R. S. Rust, a copy of this sermon was requested for publication.

Memorial Service.—The motion of yesterday, fixing the time of the Memorial Service was reconsidered, and it was decided by vote that it be held Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

W. H. Black.—John Pearson, the presiding elder of the Cincinnati District, presented the documents, and reported the findings in the case of W. H. Black, and moved the appoint-

ment of a Select Number to receive the papers and try the case, which motion prevailed.

W. A. Robinson and D. J. Starr were granted leave of absence.

A. B. Leonard was appointed to lead the devotions Friday morning.

After the call of Committees, announcements, and the singing of the doxology, the session adjourned, with the benediction by A. Lowrey.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, September, 7, 1894,

THE session opened at 8.30 o'clock with devotional services, conducted by A. B. Leonard.

At 9 o'clock the Bishop took the chair. The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

On motion of Thomas H. Pearne, it was resolved to adjourn, and to immediately reopen the session in the City Hall. After a few minutes of intermission, the Conference reassembled in the place designated, and the bar of the Conference was fixed at the rear of the second window from the platform.

The Rev. D. H. Moore, D. D., editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, was introduced, and addressed the Conference in the interest of that periodical. The Rev. W. F. Whitlock, D. D., was introduced, and addressed the Conference respecting the work and expense of General Conference entertainment.

The Thirteenth Question—"Was the Character of each Preacher examined?"—was resumed. E. T. Wells, presiding elder of the Dayton District, was called, and his character passed. He reported nothing against the effective elders of his district. He presented a paper concerning business matters of William M. West. A Fraternal Committee was appointed to examine the paper, and report. The Chair appointed the following as such Committee: J. H. Lease, H. C. Weakley, and S. B. Smith.

J. F. Marlay, presiding elder of the Springfield District, was called, and his character passed. He reported nothing against the effective elders of his district. He presented a paper concerning

the business affairs of W. R. Dudley. A Fraternal Committee was appointed to examine the paper, and report. The Committee was constituted as follows: George H. Dart, George K. Morris, and Frank G. Mitchell.

Mrs. Finley.—Dr. Moore announced that he had received \$20.20 toward procuring a suitable monument for the grave of the mother of James B. Finley at Terre Haute, Ohio. On motion of T. H. Pearne, an additional collection was taken, which amounted to \$35.10, the whole amount being placed in the hands of R. K. Deem, who was appointed to procure a suitable stone.

On motion of W. J. Baker, the Conference decided to make two additional columns in the statistical tables—one for Christ's Hospital, and the other for the Cincinnati Church Extension Society.

The Publishing Committee was instructed to print in the Minutes the Sunday-school Statistics by recapitulation only.

The Secretary presented a communication respecting the moral and religious condition of the Army and Navy, which was, upon motion, referred to the presiding elders for consideration, with instructions to report.

Lay Association.—A communication from the Lay Association of the Cincinnati Conference was read, and referred to the Committees on Constitutional Questions and Sustentation Plan.

W. H. Black.—The Bishop announced the following to hear and try the case of W. H. Black: Counsel for the Church, William Runyan and Thomas Collett; counsel for the defense, E. S. Lewis and C. W. Rishell; C. H. Payne, chairman; Select Number, G. L. Tufts, J. T. Bail, Wm. T. Jackson, J. A. Easton, H. C. Middleton, H. A. M. Henderson, C. H. Haines, J. W. Gaddis, R. E. Smith, J. W. Shorten, J. R. Hunter, A. T. Cowgill, C. J. Wells, H. W. Bailey, and A. N. Spahr.

A. Lowrey announced that he would publish his Semi-centennial Sermon in the *Divine Life*. He also reported his work as Conference Visitor to the Boston School of Theology. His written report was referred to A. B. Leonard for examination.

The Conference Stewards presented their preliminary report.

Historical Society.—The following paper was presented by A. Lowrey, and, upon motion, adopted :

WHEREAS, Biography is a precious part of Church literature ; and

WHEREAS, Many of our preachers have passed away, leaving no accurate and well-prepared sketch of their lives ; and

WHEREAS, A well-organized and efficiently-conducted Conference Historical Society would supply a lack by producing a book in due time, in which every preacher who has ever joined the Cincinnati Conference, or other cognate Conferences, shall be commemorated by a suitable narrative, with such related events as may be deemed important and useful ; therefore,

Resolved, That it is wise and expedient to form a Cincinnati Conference Historical Society.

Resolved, That the present Nominating Committee be instructed to nominate the officers of said Society.

A bill having been presented to the Board of Stewards for funeral expenses of a Conference claimant, it being creditably reported that the estate was sufficient to liquidate the bill, the Conference declined to assume the expense.

On motion of D. L. Aultman, the Conference Treasurer was instructed to pay directly to Mrs. J. F. Loyd, the Treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, all moneys coming into his hands for that Society.

The Seventh Question—" *Who are admitted into Full Connection?*" was taken up. Candidates for admission were called forward, responded to the Disciplinary questions, and were addressed by the Bishop. They reported their collections, were represented by their presiding elders and Examining Committees, and the following were admitted into full membership, and elected to deacons' orders: David S. Ewry, W. T. Stafford, and W. A. Wiant.

The following were admitted, being already in deacons' orders: David Herr, Calvin W. Horn, W. L. Y. Davis, and James D. Darling.

The following were continued on trial in studies of the second year: Rufus J. Wyckoff, B. F. Oswald, and Wilbur N. Mason ; in studies of the third year, William M. Patton ; in studies of the fourth year, C. E. Schenk.

It was directed that those who continue on trial, receive credit for the studies in which they have passed this year.

On motion of D. Lee Aultman, the Conference recommended that hereafter no one be received into full membership whose standing in examination falls, in any one study, below seven in a scale of ten.

Pending the vote on the admission of W. P. McVey, the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Bishop Goodsell.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, September 8, 1894.

THE session was opened with a prayer and testimony meeting, led by S. D. Clayton. Bishop Goodsell called the Conference to order for business at 9 o'clock. The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Seventh Question.—The seventh question, pending at the hour of adjournment, was resumed. The examiners and presiding elder reported concerning William P. McVey, and, on motion, he was continued on trial in the studies of the third year. The examiners also reported that J. W. Lucas had completed the studies on which he was conditioned last year.

Tenth Question.—“*What Members have completed the Conference Course of Study?*”—was taken up. John H. McNary, Gervaise Roughton, John P. Nine, Cyrus M. Van Pelt, James R. Hill, George T. Perry, William E. Spurrier, Frank C. English, Philip Trout, John A. Winkler, and Charles F. Enyart were called, reported their collections, were represented by their examiners and presiding elders, and elected to elders' orders. Thomas G. Williams, who was already an elder, reported his collections, and was favorably represented by his examiners and presiding elder.

Eleventh Question.—“*What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*” Answered: None.

Twelfth Question.—“*What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*” Answered: None.

The following were announced as the Committee on the Sustentation Plan (see page 297): J. H. Lease, M. LeSourd, G. W. Dubois, George K. Morris, R. E. Smith, S. McChesney, and William Runyan.

Mears Bequest.—Thomas H. Pearne presented a letter from the trustees of the Mears Bequest, and also a report of the trustees, concerning the condition of that fund. The letter was read, and a Committee was appointed, to whom the inquiries of the letter were referred. The Committee consisted of A. B. Leonard, S. B. Smith, and E. S. Lewis.

On request of A. Lowrey, his report as Visitor to Boston Theological School was referred to the Committee on Education, Dr. Leonard being indisposed.

The Thirteenth Question was resumed. E. T. Wells read the report of the work of his district. J. T. Bail, J. W. Gaddis, F. M. Clemans, W. A. Robinson, L. E. Prentiss, E. Burdsall, J. S. Pumphrey, J. L. Shively, J. M. Shultz, C. W. Gullette, G. L. Travis, M. E. Ketcham, S. O. Royal, D. A. McCole, E. H. Cherington, James Stephenson, A. Hamilton, C. H. Kalbfus, and T. Cundy made their reports.

W. M. West.—The Fraternal Committee, appointed to consider the case of W. M. West, reported as follows:

We have had Brother West before us, and several other persons, and various papers relating to the case. We recommend that the whole case be referred to the presiding elder of the Dayton District, to be thoroughly investigated according to the Discipline, and as early in the year as practicable.

JOHN H. LEASE,
S. B. SMITH,
H. C. WEAKLEY.

The report was adopted.

Leave of absence was granted to J. L. Shively, O. D. Becker, W. L. Hypes, James Murray, and M. B. Fuller.

Thomas Collett.—S. Weeks offered the following, which was adopted by the Conference:

To-day, September 8th, being the anniversary of the birth of our beloved brother, Thomas Collett, the Cincinnati Conference congratulates him on his sound health, his well-poised mind, his tender and profound piety, and assures him of their fervent prayers for his continued life and usefulness.

The Conference Treasurer reported the cash receipts, and asked for an Auditing Committee; and, on motion, the present Auditing Committee was instructed to audit his accounts, and the amount of fractional payments received in the various reports

of collections was directed to be paid to the Publishing Committee. The amount was \$8.42.

The Thirteenth Question was resumed, and T. H. Pearne made a verbal report of the state of the work on the Hillsboro District, after the passage of his character, and those of the effective elders of his district. F. Leever, O. D. Becker, J. A. Easton, M. LeSourd, G. H. Dart, J. H. Davis, William Runyan, O. M. Sellers, John Wilson, J. W. Shorten, J. A. White, R. S. McColm, D. D. Cheney, H. W. Bailey, L. M. Davis, J. R. Colley, J. E. H. Sentman, A. D. Maddox, E. T. Lane, J. J. McCabe, D. C. Vance, and T. P. Walter reported their collections.

W. R. Dudley.—The Fraternal Committee on the case of W. R. Dudley reported as follows:

The papers referred to us call for explanation in certain business transactions. Owing to the absence of Brother Dudley, we have been unable to investigate the case. We are of the opinion that it would be unwise to pass his character until the matters involved are satisfactorily adjusted.

We therefore respectfully recommend that he be left without appointment, and that his case be referred to the presiding elder for a formal and complete investigation.

GEO. H. DART, .

GEO. K. MORRIS,

FRANK G. MITCHELL.

Twenty-second Question—“*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*”—was taken up. The character of the following passed, and they were continued in the same relations: W. Q. Shannon, S. B. Ricketts, J. L. Glascock, S. B. Smith, W. L. Hypes, and William B. Moler. J. S. Ruggles and M. M. Kugler were granted an effective relation.

On motion of John Pearson, the request of Adam Bowers for a change of relation from effective to supernumerary was granted.

Twenty-third Question—“*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*”—was taken up. The following were called, their character passed, and they were continued in the same relation: F. W. Hypes, T. S. Cowden, J. H. Middleton, W. J. Quarry, J. F. Loyd, W. T. McMullen, N. W. Darlington, B. Glascock, M. Kauffman, S. Bennett, A. Miller, A. M. Griffith, W. B. Jackson, Wesley Webster, J. F. Hull, S. N. Marsh, T. E. Fidler, E. C. Smith,

T. Wones, G. W. Fee, J. L. Gregg, J. G. Black, M. P. Zink, G. M. Edgar, J. Vance, J. W. Cassatt, H. M. Keck, Henry Stokes, J. L. Grover, R. A. Arthur, W. N. Maxey, J. I. Taggart, Wm. Herr, S. W. Carey, T. J. Harris, and S. W. Edmiston.

Methodist Review.—The Rev. W. V. Kelley, editor of the *Methodist Review*, was introduced, and addressed the Conference respecting that periodical. The following paper was offered by C. H. Payne, and, on motion was adopted:

Resolved, That this Conference has listened with great pleasure to the Rev. W. V. Kelley, D. D., editor of the *Methodist Review*. We give Dr. Kelley a cordial welcome to our Conference, and congratulate him on his eminent success in conducting the *Review*. This valuable periodical ought to be taken by every minister, and we pledge ourselves, as far as practicable, to aid in securing this desired end.

W. T. Hubbard, of the Society of Friends, and President of the Peace Society, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

J. W. Mason was instructed to send a telegram of sympathy to I. C. Page, whose child is seriously sick.

E. S. Lewis read the report of the Committee on Constitutional Questions, and, on motion of J. W. Bashford, the Committee was instructed to have the report printed for the convenience of the Conference.

The session adjourned after the reading of notices, the singing of the doxology, and the benediction by Bishop Goodsell.

FIFTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

MONDAY, September 10, 1894.

CONFERENCE opened with brief devotional services, conducted by C. H. Payne.

The journal of yesterday's session was read and approved.

The Fifteenth Question—"Who have died?"—was called, and answered: A. U. Beall and D. H. Sargent. Memorial services held Sunday, September 9th. (For Memoirs, see page 402.)

The Bishop presented the Certificate of Ordinations, as follows :

This is to Certify, That on the 9th day of September, A. D. 1894, I ordained, under the election of the Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the following as Deacons : David S. Ewry, William T. Stafford, William A. Wiant ; and under the same election, and assisted by elders, the following as Elders : John H. McNary, Gervaise Roughton, John P. Nine, Cyrus M. Van Pelt, James R. Hill, George T. Perry, William E. Spurrier, Frank C. English, Philip Trout, John A. Winkler, and Charles F. Enyart.

Done at Wilmington, Ohio.

D. A. GOODSSELL.

The Eighteenth Question—“ *Who have Withdrawn ?* ”—was called, and answered, None.

The Sixteenth Question—“ *Who have been Located at their Own Request ?* ” was called, and answered, None.

The Second Question—“ *Who have been Readmitted ?* ” was called, and answered, None.

The Thirtieth Question—“ *Where shall the Next Conference be held ?* ”—was called. C. W. Gullette presented an invitation from the Church at Hamilton, and the invitation was unanimously accepted. F. G. Mitchell announced that Greene Street Church, Piqua, extended an invitation for 1896.

Mears Bequest.—A. B. Leonard presented the report of the Committee to whom the papers from the trustees of the Mears Bequest were referred, and the report was adopted. (See page 378.)

S. F. Upham.—Dr. S. F. Upham, professor in Drew Theological Seminary, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

The Fourth Question.—“ *Who have been Received on Trial ?* ”—was taken up. Certificates of recommendation were presented for Henry C. Hutchinson, from Butlerville Circuit, Georgetown District, and George B. Shanor, from St. Paul's Church, Dela-

ware. They were represented by presiding elders and Examining Committees, and were received on trial.

The Third Question.—“*Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*”—was taken up. The Certificate of Ordination to the office of elder of Joseph W. Patton in the United Brethren Church was read. He was represented by the presiding elder and the Committee on Qualifications of Applicants. He answered the required Disciplinary questions, and, on motion, was received into full membership, and was recognized as an elder, with a requisition that he pass the studies of the third and fourth years.

The Fifth Question.—“*Who have been Continued on Trial?*”—was taken up. I. R. Marshall, Charles L. Mackey, and Harley E. Armacost reported their collections, were represented by the presiding elders, and were continued on trial and advanced to the studies of the second year.

Edward L. Hollingsworth, George H. Smith, and Rufus J. Wyckoff were continued in the first year on trial, and advanced to the studies of the second year.

The Ninth Question.—“*What Members are in the Studies of the Fourth Year?*”—was taken up. John W. Lucas, George W. Vorhis, W. M. Coffinan, Homer G. Curless, A. C. Turrell, W. A. Deaton, George V. Morris, and M. B. Fuller reported their collections, and were represented by their presiding elders and examiners, and advanced to the studies of the fourth year. Walter S. Gray and U. G. Humphrey were also advanced, on condition that they bring up deficient studies.

William H. Wehrley was continued, by his own request, in the studies of the third year.

The Fifth Question was resumed. W. C. Mitchell and C. E. Schenk reported their collections, were represented by examiners and presiding elders, and were continued on trial in the studies of the fourth year.

The Sixth Question.—“*Who have been Discontinued?*”—was taken up. William C. F. Lippert was discontinued at his own request.

W. H. Black.—C. H. Payne, Chairman of the Select Number in the case of W. H. Black, reported their findings as follows:

The Select Number to try the case of Rev. W. H. Black, find the specifications sustained, but do not find that the charge of immorality is sustained by the specifications. They find that the specifications sustain the Disciplinary offense of imprudent and unchristian conduct, and fix the penalty at suspension from the ministry for one year.

D. LEE AULTMAN, *Secretary*.

C. H. PAYNE, *Chairman*.

The Thirteenth Question was resumed. J. W. Mason, the presiding elder of the Georgetown District, was called, his character passed, and he reported that there was nothing against the effective elders on his district. He then read the report of his district. W. P. Jackson, I. C. Page, S. W. Campbell, G. P. Austin, Ira E. Price, J. P. Porter, R. E. Smith, C. W. Briggs, W. J. Baker, C. W. Elliott, J. S. Whitney, J. E. Abrams, C. J. Wells, J. F. Laird, G. M. Fulton, A. G. Newton, and C. T. Crum were called, and reported their benevolences.

J. F. Marlay, presiding elder of the Springfield District, was called, and his character passed, he stating that there was nothing against any of the effective elders of his district; after which he read his report. J. F. McColm, C. D. Munsey, F. E. Vance, J. L. Dalbey, A. N. Spahr, James Murray, J. R. Hunter, J. P. Shultz, F. G. Mitchell, B. D. Hypes, L. O. Deputy, C. W. Barnes, W. G. Warner, A. H. Lucas, P. C. Curnick, Henry Miller, R. K. Deem, V. F. Brown, A. L. Brokaw, G. W. Dubois, J. G. Vaughan, and H. C. Middleton were called, and made their reports.

Domestic Missions.—The report of the Board of Domestic Missions was presented by J. G. Vaughan, and was adopted. (See page 394.)

On motion of John Pearson, the Conference requested the Bishop to appoint Asbury Lowrey as editor of *Divine Life*, and M. J. Cramer associate editor of *German Theological Review*.

A. Lowrey.—The Special Committee appointed to draft for the Conference a suitable appreciative expression of the life and ministry of A. Lowrey, reported, and, upon motion, the report was adopted by a unanimous rising vote. (See page 390.)

The Twenty-sixth Question—*What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as Reported by the Conference Treasurer?*—was called. The Treasurer reported that the total receipts of benevolences amounted to \$75,702, an advance of \$3,521 over the previous year.

The Twenty-seventh Question—*What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*—was taken up, and answered, \$10,725.

The Twenty-eighth Question—*What has been Received on these Claims, and How has it been Applied?*—was called, and the Treasurer reported \$8,211.82. The final report of the Conference Stewards was read by M. LeSourd, and approved. (For distribution, see page 350.)

Transfers.—The transfer of T. D. Moore, made during the year from the North Dakota to this Conference, was announced. Also the transfer of Henry Witham, from this Conference to the North Dakota.

On motion of John Pearson, W. M. Patton, a probationer of the second year, was permitted to bring up the deficient studies of the second year, and advanced to the studies of the third year.

Presiding Elders' Reports.—On motion of Frank G. Mitchell, the reports of the presiding elders were requested for publication in the Conference Minutes.

Triers of Appeal.—The Bishop announced the following as the Triers of Appeal for the ensuing year: John Pearson, L. E. Prentiss, D. C. Vance, George Dubois, Frank G. Mitchell, George H. Dart, and E. T. Lane.

Afternoon Session.—C. H. Payne moved that when we adjourn, it be to meet at 2.30 for an afternoon session, and the motion prevailed. The Bishop appointed A. B. Leonard to preside.

George K. Morris.—The following paper, presented by C. H. Payne, was adopted by unanimous rising vote:

WHEREAS, The Rev. Dr. George K. Morris has been called to the Chair of Practical Theology in the Boston School of Theology, the Cincinnati Conference hereby expresses its high appreciation of Dr. Morris as a man and a Christian minister, and of his eminent fitness for this important position. We believe that he will fill this professorship with great

credit to himself and profit to the Church, and we tender to him our congratulations, and will follow him with our prayers and fraternal good-will.

C. H. PAYNE,

J. T. BAIL,

R. S. RUST,

SYLVESTER WEEKS,

PAUL C. CURNICK,

A. B. LEONARD.

On motion, a collection for the sexton was ordered to be taken at the closing session of the Conference.

The Conference adjourned by expiration of time. After the giving of notices and the singing of the doxology, the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Goodsell.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

CONFERENCE reassembled at 2.30 o'clock. A. B. Leonard, by appointment of Bishop Goodsell, occupied the chair. The devotional services were conducted by S. B. Smith.

Reports of Committees.—The Committee on Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital presented its report, which was adopted. (See page 393.)

The report of the Committee on The American Bible Society was read by J. E. Abrams. Rev. E. S. Gillette, district superintendent, was introduced, and addressed the Conference respecting the work of the Society. The report was then adopted. (See page 371.)

Leave of absence was granted J. H. Lease and Philip Trout, after this afternoon's session.

A letter from Bishop Walden, President of the Board of Trustees of the Cincinnati Wesleyan College, was read, also one from Bishop Merrill, regarding that institution.

S. Weeks read the report of the Committee on Education, item by item. That part referring to our theological schools was read, and, after an amendment offered by Dr. Rust, by which Gammon School of Theology was included, and R. S. Rust and H. A. M. Henderson were appointed as Visitors to the latter institution, the item was adopted.

That part of the report referring to the American University was read and adopted.

The item referring to the Springfield Female College and High School was read, and it was adopted.

That part of the report referring to the Hillsboro Female College was read, and, after amendment, was adopted.

That part of the report referring to the Cincinnati Wesleyan Female College was read. On motion of R. S. Rust, it was referred back to the Committee, in order to comply with certain suggestions made by Bishop Walden as President of the Board of Trustees.

That part of the report referring to the Board of Education was read. C. H. Payne, General Secretary of the Educational Society, addressed the Conference, after which the item was adopted.

That part of the report referring to the Conference Educational Society was read, and adopted.

The part referring to the Ohio Wesleyan was read, and it was adopted.

American University.—Frank G. Mitchell, as Conference Treasurer of the American University, presented his report for publication in the Minutes. On motion, Dr. Mitchell was continued as treasurer of these funds.

C. H. Payne moved to take up the report of the Committee on Constitutional Questions.

M. LeSourd moved, as a substitute, that the Conference Stewards make the distribution of the funds in their hands, and the substitute prevailed.

The Conference Stewards made the distribution of their funds.

Leave of absence was granted the Committee on Education.

The report of the Committee on Missions was read by C. W. Rishell. A. B. Leonard, a Secretary of the Missionary Society, addressed the Conference, and the report was adopted.

On motion, Conference adjourned, to meet at 7.30 o'clock, Dr. Lowrey giving the benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

CONFERENCE was called to order at 7.30 this evening. Prayer was offered by S. B. Smith.

The journal of the morning session was read and approved. The journal of the afternoon session was read and approved.

Constitutional Changes.—On motion, the report of the Committee on Constitutional Changes was taken up.

Item No. 1, the action of the Baltimore Annual Conference relating to the proposed amendment of the Second Restrictive Rule, was read, and, upon motion of C. H. Payne, the recommendation of the Committee was adopted, which was that no action should be taken upon it.

Item No. 2, a communication from the Northern New York Conference, was tabled by a vote of 82 to 38.

Item No. 3, the General Conference recommendation on Equal Ministerial and Lay Representation (Discipline, Appendix, ¶ 34), was taken up.

Resolved, That the General Conference hereby recommends the following proposition to the Annual Conferences to be held in 1894, to-wit: To amend Section 2, Paragraph 67, of the Discipline, so that the section shall read as follows: "The General Conference shall not allow of more than one Ministerial Representative for every fourteen members of an Annual Conference; nor of a less number than one for every forty-five: *Provided*, nevertheless, that when there shall be in any Annual Conference a fraction of two-thirds the number which shall be fixed for the ratio of representation, that such Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional delegate for such fraction; and *provided*, also, that there shall be from each Annual Conference Lay Delegates equal in number to the Ministerial Delegates, who shall deliberate and vote with the ministers as one body; and *provided*, further, that no Conference shall be denied the privilege of one Ministerial and one Lay Delegate."

After an animated discussion, the vote was taken on concurrence, resulting in 2 for, and 111 against.

Item No. 4, the General Conference recommendation on a change in the ratio of Ministerial Representation (See Discipline, Appendix, ¶ 35), was read:

Resolved, That the General Conference submits the following proposition to the Annual Conferences of 1894, to-wit: To amend line 4, Section 2, Paragraph 67, of the Discipline, so as to read: "not more than one for every forty-five, nor less than one for every ninety."

The vote was taken on concurrence, resulting: For, none; against, 126.

Item No. 5, the Alternative Proposition from the South Carolina Annual Conference, was taken up, as follows:

ALTERNATIVE PROPOSITION.—The South Carolina Annual Conference, regarding the above proposition as defective in form, duly submits the following alternative proposition, to-wit: To amend the first two clauses of Section 2, Paragraph 67, so that they shall read as follows: "The Gen-

eral Conference shall not allow of more than one Ministerial Representative for every forty-five members of an Annual Conference, nor of a less number than one for every ninety."

The vote resulted: For concurrence, none; against, 129.

Item No. 6, the resolution of the Lay Association of the Cincinnati Conference, was taken up, as follows:

WHEREAS, We believe that the interests of Methodism would be served by equal Lay and Clerical Representation in the General Conference; and

WHEREAS, The pending amendments are unsatisfactory to many, because they seem to deny the right to vote by orders; therefore,

Resolved, That we request the Cincinnati Conference, at its next session, to adopt, and to request the Bishops to submit to all the Annual Conferences, as soon thereafter as practicable in 1894-95, for their vote thereon, the following amendment to Paragraph 67 of the Discipline of 1892, to-wit: so that Section 2 shall read: "The General Conference shall not allow of more than one Ministerial Representative for every forty-five members of an Annual Conference, nor of a less number than one for every ninety: *Provided*, nevertheless, that when there shall be in any Annual Conference a fraction of two-thirds the number which shall be fixed for the ratio of representation, that such Annual Conference shall be entitled to an additional delegate for such fraction; and *provided*, also, that there shall be from each Annual Conference Lay Delegates equal in number to the Ministerial Delegates; and *provided*, further, that no Conference shall be denied the privilege of one Ministerial and one Lay Delegate."

On motion of E. S. Lewis, the proposition was laid upon the table temporarily. D. J. Starr moved that the principle of the reduction of Ministerial Representation, as stated in the proposition, be approved. D. L. Aultman moved to amend by including the principle of equal Lay and Ministerial Representation. The amendment was accepted. The call for the previous question by G. L. Tufts was sustained, and the main question was lost by a vote of 58 to 72.

Item No. 7, the Overture of the West Wisconsin Conference, was read, as follows:

Resolved, That the Bishops presiding in the several Annual Conferences during the year 1894 are hereby respectfully requested to submit to all the Annual Conferences the following proposition, namely: To amend Paragraph 63 of the Discipline of 1892 so that it shall read as follows, to-wit: "¶ 63. The General Conference shall meet on the first Wednesday in May, in the year of our Lord 1900, and thenceforward on the first

Wednesday in May once in four years perpetually, at such hour and in such place in the United States as the General Conference may from time to time direct; but the General Superintendents, or a majority of them, by and with the advice of two-thirds of all the Annual Conferences, shall have power to call an extra session of the General Conference, to be constituted in the usual way. But if there shall be no General Superintendent, then two-thirds of all the Annual Conferences shall have power to call such extra session."

The vote resulted: For concurrence, 128; against, 5.

On motion of T. H. Pearne, it was ordered that, when we adjourn, it be to meet at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning.

L. E. Prentiss was excused from further attendance.

C. H. Payne was called to the chair.

Reports.—The report of the Committee on Church Extension was read by J. S. Whitney, and it was adopted. (See page 371.)

S. Weeks read the item of the Educational Report referring to the Cincinnati Wesleyan College, and it was adopted. The Report on Education was then adopted as a whole. (See page 372.)

An abstract of the minutes of the Board of Conference Trustees was read by S. Weeks, and ordered printed in the Minutes. (See page 389.)

H. D. Ketcham read the report of the Committee on Epworth League, and it was adopted. (See page 375.)

The Secretary presented a letter from W. E. Brooks, Secretary of the Fifth General Conference District of the Epworth League, asking the publication of the roster of the Leagues within the bounds of this Conference. Permission was given to print, provided the League pay the expenses of publication.

The report of the Committee on Finance was read by W. H. Wehrley, and adopted. (See page 375.)

The report of the Committee on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society was read by A. T. Cowgill, and adopted. (See page 376.)

The report of the Committee on the State of the Church was read by J. W. Magruder, and adopted. (See page 381.)

A. M. Griffith read the report of the Committee on Parsonages, and it was adopted. (See page 378.)

The report of the Committee on Periodicals and Book Concern Accounts was read and adopted. (See page 379.)

U. G. Humphrey, Committee on New York Accounts, reported that he had received and forwarded the sum of \$310.35.

The Publishing Committee requested the privilege of printing its report without reading. The request was granted.

On motion of S. O. Royal, John Pearson was added to the Committee on Publication.

The reports of the Committees on Sabbath Observance, Sunday-school Cause, and Tract Cause, were presented, adopted, and ordered printed without reading.

On motion, the session adjourned, with the benediction by J. T. Bail.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, September 11, 1894.

THE Conference reassembled at 8 o'clock, A. N. Spahr conducting the devotional exercises. By appointment of the Bishop, A. Bowers occupied the chair.

The journal of yesterday's evening session was read and approved.

R. K. Deem asked that J. G. Black be associated with him in procuring a monument to mark the grave of the mother of James B. Finley, and he was so appointed.

Reports.—J. H. Davis read the report of the Auditing Committee, and it was adopted. (See page 380.)

The report of the Committee on Temperance was read by D. D. Cheney, and, after amendment, was adopted. (See page 386.)

Protest.—S. McChesney asked the privilege of recording his protest against the speech of John G. Wooley at the Temperance Anniversary last Thursday night. The privilege was granted.

C. W. Barnes read the report of the Committee on Lakeside, and the report was adopted. (See page 377.)

George K. Morris read the report of the Special Committee on the Sustentation Plan. The report was accepted, and it was

ordered to be published in the Minutes. The part referring to the Chartered Fund was adopted. (See page 384.)

G. L. Tufts presented the report of the Nominating Committee, which was received, and ordered printed without reading. (See page 287.)

The report of the Conference Board of Control of Deaconess Work was read, and, after an address by H. C. Weakley, Secretary of the Deaconess work, the report was adopted. (See page 392.)

Bishop Goodsell entered and took the chair.

George V. Morris presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions. That part referring to the presiding Bishop was put to vote by the Secretary, and was adopted with a rising vote. The remaining resolutions were read and unanimously adopted.

A collection was taken for the sexton, and for certain Conference expenses, and it amounted to \$36.60.

W. A. Robinson offered the following, which was adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, We understand that Dr. E. S. Lewis has been transferred to the North Ohio Conference; therefore,

Resolved, That we congratulate the brethren among whom he goes in view of the fact that they will receive a brother well-beloved by us, whose fidelity, ability, piety, and courtesy has endeared him to us all.

Resolved, That we will gladly welcome his return whenever it may be the pleasure of the appointing power to return him to us.

W. A. ROBINSON,	FRANK G. MITCHELL,
C. W. RISHELL,	R. H. RUST.
H. C. WEAKLEY,	

On motion of H. D. Ketcham, L. D. Reynolds and R. H. Rust were elected Lakeside Trustees.

The officers and Managers of the Conference Educational Society, Missionary Society, and Domestic Missionary Society, were announced and elected. (See page 284.)

On motion of J. W. Mason, W. N. Mason, Frank C. English, and H. J. Curless were left without appointment, to attend one of our schools.

A communication from the Cincinnati Church Extension Society was presented by the Secretary, and ordered printed without reading. (See page 391.)

Resolutions concerning the suppression of vice were presented, and ordered printed without reading. (See page 385.)

On motion of F. G. Mitchell, the publication of the Detailed Missionary Report was ordered omitted from the Minutes next year.

E. P. James was granted a superannuated relation at his own request.

The Twenty-first Question—"What is the Statistical Report?"—was called, and answered: Members, 48,354; probationers, 3,678.

On motion of E. T. Wells, a collection was taken for W. M. West, which amounted to \$114.23.

On motion of T. H. Pearne, it was ordered that, after devotional services, the reading and approval of the journal, and the announcement of appointments, the Conference stand adjourned *sine die*.

Presentation.—On behalf of the preachers of the Cincinnati District, S. Weeks, in well-chosen words, presented a check to John Pearson, the retiring presiding elder, suggesting that he invest it in such books as might best preserve in memory the respect and affection of his brethren of the Cincinnati District.

Dr. Pearson responded with great feeling.

E. T. Wells announced the Committee in the case of W. M. West.

On motion of J. P. Porter, the Minutes were made the official record of the Conference.

After prayer, and reading of the appointments, the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Goodsell.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATION.

WILMINGTON, OHIO, September 11, 1894.

The reports and proceedings herewith published were regularly adopted by the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session which was held September 5-11, 1894, in this city.

The published Minutes, by the rules of the Conference, were made the official record of its proceedings.

D. A. GOODSELL, PRESIDENT.

S. O. ROYAL, SECRETARY.

SPECIAL SERVICES.

MISSIONS.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH, AT 8 P. M.—Missionary sermon, preached by Rev. Heber D. Ketcham, S. Weeks, D. D., presiding.

MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY.

WEDNESDAY, 7.30 P. M.—Address by Dr. A. B. Leonard, Dr. S. Weeks presiding.

TEMPERANCE ANNIVERSARY.

THURSDAY, 7.30 P. M.—Address by John G. Wooley, Rev. S. B. Smith presiding.

EDUCATIONAL ANNIVERSARY.

FRIDAY, 2.30 P. M.—Addresses by Dr. C. H. Payne and Dr. J. W. Bashford.

JOINT MISSIONARY ANNIVERSARY W. F. M. S. AND W. H. M. S.

SATURDAY, 2.30 P. M.—Addresses by Miss Mamie Loyd Miss Harriet Ayers, and A. B. Leonard, D. D.

SABBATH SERVICES.

9 A. M.—Conference love-feast, led by Thomas Collett. 10.30 A. M.—Sermon by Bishop D. A. Goodsell. 2.30 P. M.—Memorial service, Rev. W. I. Fee presiding. 4 P. M.—Ordination of deacons and elders. 7.30 P. M.—Epworth League anniversary, Rev. Heber D. Ketcham presiding; addresses by Rev. P. C. Curnick, Dr. C. W. Rishell, and Dr. J. W. Bashford.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH, AT 3 P. M.—Sermon by Dr. D. H. Moore.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH, AT 7.30 P. M.—Sermon by Dr. S. McChesney.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, AT 7.30 P. M.—Sermon by L. E. Prentiss.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who have been Received by Transfer, and from what Conferences?*

T. D. Moore, from the North Dakota Conference; E. O. Buxton, from the North Ohio Conference; J. M. Meeker, from the Newark Conference.

2. *Who have been Readmitted?*

None.

3. *Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches?*

Joseph W. Patton, an elder, from the United Brethren Church.

4. *Who have been Received on Trial?*

(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—Henry C. Hutchinson, George B. Shanor.

(b) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—None.

5. *Who have been Continued on Trial?*

(a) IN STUDIES OF FIRST YEAR.—None.

(b) IN STUDIES OF SECOND YEAR.—Rufus J. Wyckoff, Wilbur N. Mason, Benjamin F. Oswald, Isaac R. Marshall, Charles L. Mackey, Harley E. Armacost, Edward L. Hollingsworth, George H. Smith.

(c) IN STUDIES OF THIRD YEAR.—William P. McVey, William M. Patton (conditioned).

(d) IN STUDIES OF FOURTH YEAR.—Charles E. Schenk, W. C. Mitchell.

6. *Who have been Discontinued?*

William C. F. Lippert, by his own request.

7. *Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?*

(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS THIS YEAR.—David S. Ewry, William T. Stafford, William A. Wiant.

(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED DEACONS PREVIOUSLY.—David Herr, Calvin W. Horn, James D. Darling, Wilbur L. Y. Davis.

8. *What Members are in Studies of Third Year?*

(a) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP THIS YEAR.—David Herr, Calvin W. Horn, James D. Darling, William A. Wiant, Wilbur L. Y. Davis, Joseph W. Patton, David S. Ewry, William T. Stafford.

(b) ADMITTED INTO FULL MEMBERSHIP PREVIOUSLY.—William H. Wehrley.

9. *What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year?*

Ulysses G. Humphrey (conditioned), George W. Vorhis, William M. Coffman, Homer G. Curless, Walter S. Gray (conditioned), Albert C. Turrell, William A. Deaton, George V. Morris, Marcellus B. Fuller, John W. Lucas.

10. *What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study?*

(a) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS THIS YEAR.—John H. McNary, Gervaise Roughton, John P. Nine, Cyrus M. Van Pelt, James R. Hill, George T. Perry, William E. Spurrier, Frank C. English, Philip Trout, John A. Winkler, Charles F. Enyart.

(b) ELECTED AND ORDAINED ELDERS PREVIOUSLY.—Thomas G. Williams.

11. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons?*

(a) AS LOCAL PREACHERS.—None.

(b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

12. *What Others have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*

(a) AS LOCAL DEACONS.—None.

(b) UNDER MISSIONARY RULE.—None.

13. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?*

It was, in open Conference. The case of W. M. West was referred to E. T. Wells, presiding elder, and of W. R. Dudley to T. H. Pearne, presiding elder, for investigation. W. H. Black was suspended for one year.

14. *Who have been Transferred, and to what Conferences?*

Henry Witham to the North Dakota Conference; E. S. Lewis to the North Ohio Conference; M. J. Cramer to the Newark Conference.

15. *Who have Died?*

A. U. Beall, D. H. Sargent.

16. *Who have been Located at their Own Request?*

None.

17. *Who have been Located?*

None.

18. *Who have Withdrawn?*

None.

19. *Who have been Permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints?*

None.

20. *Who have been Expelled?*

None.

21. *What other Personal Notation should be made?*

None.

22. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

W. Q. Shannon, W. B. Moler, J. L. Glascock, S. B. Ricketts, S. B. Smith, W. L. Hypes, Adam Bowers, L. F. Young.

23. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

R. A. Arthur, J. G. Black, Silas Bennett, S. W. Carey, J. W. Cassatt, T. S. Cowden, N. W. Darlington, S. W. Edmiston, G. M. Edgar, J. L. Groves,

B. Glascock, T. E. Fidler, G. W. Fee, A. M. Griffith, J. L. Gregg, T. J. Harris, F. W. Hypes, J. F. Hull, William Herr, W. B. Jackson, E. P. James, Michael Kauffman, H. M. Keck, J. F. Loyd, W. N. Maxey, W. T. McMullen, Adam Miller, S. N. Marsh, J. H. Middleton, Henry Miller, W. J. Quarry, E. C. Smith, Henry Stokes, J. I. Taggart, John Vance, Wesley Webster, Timothy Wones, M. P. Zink.

24. *Who are the Triers of Appeals?*

John Pearson, D. C. Vance, F. G. Mitchell, E. T. Lane, L. E. Prentiss, G. W. Dubois, G. H. Dart.

25. *What is the Statistical Report for this Year?*

Members, 48,354; probationers, 3,678.

26. *What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer?*

\$75,702.

27. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?*

\$10,725.

28. *What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*

\$8,211.82. (For distribution see page 350.)

29. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?*

(See List of Appointments, page 322.)

30. *Where shall the Next Conference be Held?*

Hamilton, Ohio.

APPOINTMENTS.

N. B.—1. Post-office inserted in parentheses when different from appointment. 2. Supplies in brackets. 3. Numerals at right hand indicate the year of service entered upon.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

1. R. H. RUST, Presiding Elder, 1.
P. O., Cincinnati, O.
2. Avondale, . . . E. O. Buxton, 1.
3. Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge,
Charles E. Schenk, 2.
4. Carthage and Elmwood Place,
F. M. Kirgan, 2.
5. Cheviot, . . . M. M. Kugler, 1.
- CINCINNATI:
6. Asbury, . . . John Pearson, 1.
7. Camp Washington, C. L.
Mackey, 1.
8. Christie, . . . C. L. Conger, 3.
9. Cincinnati Church Extension
Society, M. Swadener, 2.
10. Columbia, . . S. G. Pollard, 3.
11. Cummins ville, Creighton
Wones, 3.
12. Fairmount, W. H. Suther-
land, 2.
13. Finley, . Gervaise Roughton, 5.
14. McKendree, . . E. McHugh, 4.
15. Mt. Auburn, . . S. O. Royal, 1.
16. Mt. Lookout, . . J. H. Lease, 5.
17. North Fairmount, R. G.
Easley, 1.
18. Pearl Street, . W. A. Deaton, 1.
19. Pendleton, Henry Hershey, 2.
20. Price Hill, . . A. C. Turrell, 2.
21. St. John, . . . E. S. Gaddis, 2.
22. St. Paul, . . . J. M. Meeker, 1.
23. Trinity, . . C. W. Gullette, 1.
24. Walnut Hills, S. McChesney, 4.
25. Wesley, . . J. W. Magruder, 3.
26. York Street, . A. B. Austin, 3.
27. Cleves and Addyston, Jona-
than Verity, 1.
28. Clifton, . . . H. D. Ketcham, 3.
29. Delhi, G. P. Austin, 1.
30. Groesbeck, . . W. L. Y. Davis, 2.
31. Hartwell, Howard Henderson, 4.
32. Harrison, G. L. Tufts, 2.
33. Lockland-Wyoming, C. W.
Barnes, 1.
34. Loveland, . James Stephenson, 1.
35. Madisonville, D. Lee Aultman, 3.
36. Miami, D. J. Starr, 1.
37. Newtown, . . . A. D. Maddox, 1.
38. Norwood-Ivanhoe, M. E.
Ketcham, 1.
39. Riverside, . . Charles Hartley, 2.
40. Venice (Ross), . To be supplied.
41. Winton Place, Sylvester Weeks, 3.
42. R. S. Rust, Honorary Secretary
of the Freedmen's Aid and
Southern Education Society, 7;
member of St. Paul (Cincinnati)
Quarterly Conference.
43. C. H. Payne, Corresponding Sec-
retary of the Board of Educa-
tion, 7; member of St. Paul
(Cincinnati) Quarterly Confer-
ence.
44. J. W. Bashford, President of Ohio
Wesleyan University, 6; mem-
ber of Walnut Hills (Cincin-
nati) Quarterly Conference.
45. Asbury Lowrey, Editor of *Divine
Life*, 11; member of St. Paul
(Cincinnati) Quarterly Confer-
ence.
46. H. C. Weakley, Corresponding
Secretary of Deaconess Home,
6; member of Mt. Auburn
(Cincinnati) Quarterly Confer-
ence.
47. George K. Morris, Professor
Practical Theology in the Bos-
ton School of Theology of the
Boston University, 1; member
of St. Paul (Cincinnati) Quar-
terly Conference.
48. Wm. P. McVey, left without ap-
pointment, to attend one of
our schools.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

49. E. T. WELLS, Presiding Elder, 3.
P. O., Dayton, O.

50. Bethany, . . . H. W. Bailey, 1.
51. Camden and Summerville, J. T. Bail, 3.
52. Centerville, . . . J. W. Gaddis, 4.
53. Concord (Vandalia), G. H. Smith, 1.

DAYTON:

54. Broadway, . F. M. Clemans, 2.
55. Grace, . . . W. A. Robinson, 2.
56. Homestead Avenue and Riverdale, To be supplied.
57. Raper, . . . L. E. Prentiss, 2.
58. St. Paul, . Edmund Burdsall, 2.
59. Trinity, . . . J. P. Nine, 1.
60. Eaton, . . . J. L. Shively, 3.
61. Fairhaven, . . W. M. Coffman, 4.
62. Fort Jefferson, . To be supplied.
63. Franklin, . . . C. H. Haines, 2.
64. Germantown, . . O. D. Becker, 1.
65. Glendale and Sharonville, C. W. Horn, 3.
66. Gordon, . . . J. McK. Shultz, 2.
67. Hamilton, . . . J. W. Peters, 1.
68. Lewisburg, . . . G. L. Travis, 2.
69. Miamisburg, . J. S. Pumphrey, 1.
70. Middletown, . . . W. Runyan, 1.
71. Monroe, . . . J. A. White, 3.
72. New Paris, . . [M. F. Hawley], 1.
73. Osborn, . . . D. A. McColm, 2.
74. Oxford, . . . E. H. Cherington, 4.
75. Port Union (Stockton), J. F. McColm, 1.
76. Red Lion, . . . J. W. Patton, 1.
77. Seven Mile, Andrew Hamilton, 4.
78. Springboro, . . . C. F. Enyart, 2.
79. Walker and Union (Reiley), C. H. Kalbfus, 2.
80. West Alexandria, E. L. Hollingsworth, 1.
81. West Carrollton, G. W. Vorhis, 2.
82. West Chester, Thomas Cundy, 1.
83. West Elkton, . . To be supplied.
84. M. Dustin, Agent of Conference Temperance Society, 6; member of Broadway (Dayton) Quarterly Conference.

85. T. Collett, Financial Secretary, Preachers' Relief Society, 7; member of Middletown Quarterly Conference.

Wm. Herr, superannuate, member of Grace (Dayton) Quarterly Conference.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

86. J. W. MASON, Presiding Elder, 6.
P. O., Georgetown, O.

87. Aberdeen, . . T. P. Walter, 1.
88. Amelia, . . . W. P. Jackson, 2.
89. Batavia, . . . G. V. Morris, 1.
90. Bethel, . . . I. R. Marshall, 1.
91. Blue Creek, . . To be supplied.
92. Butlerville (P. O., Edenton), H. C. Hutchinson, 1.
93. Centenary (P. O., Mulberry), J. D. Darling, 3.
94. Chilo, . . . W. S. Gray, 1.
95. Decatur, . . . A. G. Newton, 2.
96. Feesburg, . . T. G. Williams, 3.
97. Felicity, . . S. W. Campbell, 3.
98. Georgetown, . . M. B. Fuller, 2.
99. Goshen, . . . C. T. Crum, 3.
100. Peebles, . D. W. C. Washburn, 1.
101. Laurel, . . . I. E. Price, 3.
102. Lebanon, . . . J. P. Porter, 3.
103. Lebanon Circuit—
W. K. Brown, 1.
104. Maineville, . . . G. T. Perry, 2.
105. Manchester, . . T. D. Moore, 1.
106. Marathon, . . H. E. Armacost, 2.
107. Mason, . . . J. W. Shorten, 3.
108. Milford, . . . R. E. Smith, 2.
109. Montgomery, W. E. Spurrier, 1.
110. Moscow, . . . C. W. Briggs, 3.
111. Mt. Washington, C. W. Elliott, 2.
112. New Richmond, J. S. Whitney, 2.
113. Owensville and Newtonville—
(Owensville,) W. T. Stafford, 3.
114. Ripley, . . . J. E. Abrams, 2.
115. Summerside, . . W. J. Baker, 1.
116. West Union, . . . J. F. Laird, 3.
117. Williamsburg, . G. M. Fulton, 2.
118. Williamsburg Circuit, J. W. Hickman, 1.
119. W. N. Mason, Frank C. English, left without an appointment to attend one of our schools.

HILSBORO DISTRICT.

120. T. H. PEARNE, Pres. Elder, 2.

P. O., Hillsboro, O.

121. Belfast (Bell), J. E. H. Sentman, 1.

122. Manchester, . J. H. McNary, 3.

123. Bowersville, . . J. A. Winkler, 1.

124. Clarksville, . . D. D. Cheney, 1.

125. Greenfield, . . . M. LeSourd, 3.

126. Hillsboro, . . . G. H. Dart, 2.

127. Hillsboro Circuit (Samantha),
John H. Davis, 2.

128. Jamestown, . . . D. C. Vance, 1.

129. Leesburg, . . . O. M. Sellers, 3.

130. Lynchburg, . . John Wilson, 2.

131. Martinsville, . Geo. B. Shanor, 1.

132. Memphis, . . . To be supplied.

133. Morrow, . . . W. G. Warner, 1.

134. Mt. Orab, . . . C. J. Wells, 1.

135. New Burlington, . . P. Trout, 4.

136. New Jasper, . . R. S. McColm, 3.

137. New Vienna and Lexington,
J. A. Easton, 1.

138. Rainsboro, . . . L. M. Davis, 1.

139. Sabina, J. R. Colley, 1.

140. Sinking Spring, B. F. Oswald, 1.

141. South Lebanon, James S. Ruggles, 1.

142. Sugar Tree Ridge, [J. M. Roberts.]

143. Union (P. O., Spring Valley),
Frank Leever, 1.

144. Waynesville, . A. T. Cowgill, 1.

145. Wilmington, . . E. T. Lane, 3.

146. Winchester, U. G. Humphrey, 2.

XENIA:

147. First Church, J. J. McCabe, 2.

148. Trinity, . . C. M. Van Pelt, 1.

149. H. G. Curless, left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

150. J. F. MARLAY, Pres. Elder, 3.

P. O., Springfield, O.

151. Arcanum, J. L. Dalbey, 1.

152. Brandt, W. R. Buckles.

153. Catawba, . . . C. D. Munsey, 2.

154. Cedarville, . . . F. E. Vance, 3.

155. Christiansburg, . . I. C. Page, 1.

156. Covington, . W. C. Mitchell, 1.

157. Dialton, W. A. Wiant, 3.

158. Greenville, . . . A. N. Spahr, 4.

159. King's Creek, . . D. S. Ewry, 2.

160. Mechanicsburg, James Murray, 2.

161. Mutual, J. R. Hunter, 2.

162. New Carlisle, . . J. P. Shultz, 2.

163. New Moorefield, W. M. Patton, 2.
PIQUA:

164. Grace, . . W. H. Wehrley, 2.

165. Greene Street, F. G. Mitchell, 3.

166. South Charleston, B. D. Hypes, 4.

167. South Charleston Circuit, J. W. Lucas, 1.

SPRINGFIELD:

168. Central, . . . C. W. Rishell, 1.

169. Clifton Avenue, A. L. Brokaw, 1.

170. Grace, David Herr, 1.

171. High Street, . A. H. Lucas, 4.

172. St. Paul, . . P. C. Curnick, 3.

173. Tippecanoe and Milton, J. R. Hill, 1.

174. Tremont City (P. O., Westville),
R. K. Deem, 2.

175. Troy, V. F. Brown, 5.

176. Troy Circuit (Troy), L. O. Deputy, 1.

URBANA:

177. First Church, G. W. Dubois, 3.

178. Grace, . . . J. G. Vaughan, 2.

179. Yellow Springs, H. C. Middleton, 5.

180. L. D. McCabe, Professor of Philosophy in Ohio Wesleyan University, 50; member of High Street (Springfield) Quarterly Conference.

181. A. B. Leonard, Corresponding Secretary Missionary Society, 6; member of Greene Street (Piqua) Quarterly Conference.

182. W. I. Fee, Agent of Conference Domestic Missionary Society, 3; member of Greene Street (Piqua) Quarterly Conference.

183. R. J. Wyckoff, left without an appointment, to attend one of our schools.

SUPERNUMERARY PREACHERS.

W. Q. Shannon	First Church, Xenia, Quarterly Conference.
W. B. Moler,	Springfield, O., Quarterly Conference.
J. L. Glascock,	Mt. Lookout, Cincinnati, Quarterly Conference.
S. B. Ricketts,	Grace, Dayton, Quarterly Conference.
S. B. Smith,	144 Madison St., Grand Rapids, Mich.
W. L. Hypes,	Grace Church, Dayton, Quarterly Conference.
A. Bowers,	Greene St., Piqua, Quarterly Conference.
L. F. Young,	Georgetown Quarterly Conference.

SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

J. L. Grover,	Broad Street, Columbus, Quarterly Conference.
R. A. Arthur,	Addison, West Va., Quarterly Conference.
W. N. Maxey,	Lynchburg Quarterly Conference.
J. I. Taggart,	Rainsboro Quarterly Conference.
W. J. Quarry,	Felicity Quarterly Conference.
W. T. McMullen,	Owensville Quarterly Conference.
N. W. Darlington,	West Union Quarterly Conference.
B. Glascock,	Muncie, Ind., Quarterly Conference.
M. Kauffman,	St. Paul, Springfield, Quarterly Conference.
W. Herr,	Grace, Dayton, Quarterly Conference.
Adam Miller,	Clark Street, Chicago, Ill., Quarterly Conference.
A. M. Griffith,	Sabina Quarterly Conference.
W. B. Jackson,	First Church, Urbana, Quarterly Conference.
Wesley Webster,	South Charleston Quarterly Conference.
S. N. Marsh,	San Fernando, Cal., Quarterly Conference.
J. F. Hull,	Rowland, Ala., Quarterly Conference.
T. E. Fidler,	Grace, Urbana, Quarterly Conference.
E. C. Smith,	Cleves Quarterly Conference.
J. G. Black,	New Carlisle Quarterly Conference.
H. M. Keck,	Hamilton Quarterly Conference.
M. P. Zink,	Hillsboro Quarterly Conference.
G. M. Edgar,	Wilmington Quarterly Conference.
Timothy Wones,	Central, Springfield, Quarterly Conference.
George W. Fee,	Mt. Orab Quarterly Conference.
Henry Stokes,	William St., Delaware, Quarterly Conf.
John L. Gregg,	Manhattan, Kan., Quarterly Conference.
John Vance,	New Moorefield Quarterly Conference.
S. W. Carey,	Grace, Urbana, Quarterly Conference.
Thomas J. Harris,	Norwood Quarterly Conference.
John W. Cassatt,	Greenville Quarterly Conference.
Silas Bennett,	Bellefontaine Quarterly Conference.
Thos. S. Cowden,	Troy Quarterly Conference.
F. W. Hypes,	Owensville Quarterly Conference.
J. H. Middleton,	Greenfield Quarterly Conference.
J. F. Loyd,	Delaware, O.
S. W. Edmiston,	Winchester Quarterly Conference.
Henry Miller,	Delaware, O.
E. P. James,	Delaware, O.

III.

DIRECTORY.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

NAME.	BORN.	ENT'D MINISTRY.		Consecrated Bishop.	RESIDENCE.
		Conference.	Y'r.		
THOMAS BOWMAN.....	July 15, 1817	Baltimore.....	1839	1872	St. Louis, Mo.
RANDOLPH SINKS FOSTER.....	Feb. 22, 1820	Ohio.....	1837	1872	Boston, Mass.
STEPHEN MASON MERRILL.....	Sept. 16, 1825	Ohio.....	1846	1872	Chicago, Ill.
EDWARD GAYER ANDREWS.....	Aug. 7, 1825	Oneida.....	1848	1872	New York, N. Y.
HENRY WHITE WARREN.....	Jan. 4, 1831	New England.....	1855	1880	Denver, Colo.
CYRUS DAVID FOSS.....	Jan. 17, 1834	New York.....	1857	1880	Philadelphia, Pa.
JOHN FLEICHER HURST.....	Aug. 17, 1834	Newark.....	1859	1880	Washington, D. C.
WILLIAM XAVIER NINDE.....	June 21, 1832	Black River.....	1856	1884	Detroit, Mich.
JOHN MORGAN WALDEN.....	Feb. 11, 1831	Cincinnati.....	1858	1884	Cincinnati, O.
WILLARD FRANCIS MALLALIEU.....	Dec. 11, 1828	New England.....	1858	1884	Ruffalo, N. Y.
CHARLES HENRY FOWLER.....	Aug. 11, 1837	Rock River.....	1861	1884	Minneapolis, Minn.
*WILLIAM TAYLOR.....	May 2, 1821	Baltimore.....	1843	1884	Bishop of Africa.
JOHN HEYL VINCENT.....	Feb. 23, 1832	New Jersey.....	1853	1888	Topeka, Kan.
JAMES NEWBURY FITZGERALD.....	July 27, 1837	Newark.....	1862	1888	New Orleans, La.
ISAAC WILSON JOYCE.....	Oct. 11, 1836	N.W. Indiana.....	1859	188	Chattanooga, Tenn.
JOHN PHILIP NEWMAN.....	Sept. 1, 1826	Oneida.....	1848	1888	Omaha, Neb.
DANIEL AYRES GOODSSELL.....	Nov. 5, 1840	N. Y. East.....	1859	1888	San Francisco, Cal.
*JAME MILLS THOBURN.....	Mar. 7, 1836	Pittsburg.....	1858	1888	Calcutta, India.

* Missionary Bishops.

MEMBERS AND PROBATIONERS.

NOTE.—Sa. stands for Superannuated, Sn. for Supernumerary.

No. of Years Effective.	NAME.	No. in List of Appointm'ts.	P. O. ADDRESS.
5	Abrams, J. E.,	114	Ripley.
26	Arthur, R. A.,	Sa.	Addison, W. Va.
2	Armacost, H. E.,	106	Marathon.
22	Aultman, D. L.,	35	Madisonville.
8	Austin, A. B.,	26	Cincinnati.
11	Austin, G. P.,	29	Delhi.
46	Bail, J. T.,	51	Camden.
19	Bailey, H. W.,	50	Bethany.
20	Baker, W. J.,	115	Summerside.
13	Barnes, C. W.,	33	Lockland-Wyoming.
19	Bashford, J. W.,	44	Delaware.
6	Becker, O. D.,	64	Germantown.
36	Bennett, S.,	Sa.	Bellefontaine.
37	Black, J. G.,	Sa.	New Carlisle.
29	Bowers, A.,	Sn.	Piqua, O.
7	Briggs, C. W.,	110	Moscow.
3	Brokaw, A. L.,	169	Springfield.

LIST OF PREACHERS.

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No. of Years Effective..	NAME.	No. in List of Appointments.	P. O. ADDRESS.
15	Brown, V. F.,	175	Troy.
38	Brown, W. K.,	103	Lebanon.
25	Burdsall, E.,	58	Dayton.
13	Buxton, E. O.,	2	Avondale.
8	Campbell, S. W.,	97	Felicity.
19	Carey, S. W.,	Sa.	Urbana.
42	Cassatt, J. W.,	Sa.	Greenville.
24	Cheney, D. D.,	124	Clarksville.
12	Cherington, E. H.,	74	Oxford.
44	Clayton, S. D.,	85	Dayton.
28	Clemans, F. M.,	54	Dayton.
3	Coffman, W. M.,	61	Fair Haven.
44	Collett, T.,	85	Middletown.
...	Colley, J. R.,	139	Sabina.
16	Conger, C. L.,	8	Cincinnati.
47	Cowden, T. S.,	Sa.	Troy.
...	Cowgill, A. T.,	144	Waynesville.
27	Crum, C. T.,	99	Goshen.
20	Cundy, T.,	82	West Chester.
4	Curless, H. G.,	149	Boston, Mass.
5	Curnick, P. C.,	174	Springfield.
11	Dalbey, J. L.,	151	Arcanum.
3	Darling, J. D.,	93	Mulberry.
27	Darlington, N. W.,	Sa.	West Union.
38	Dart, G. H.,	126	Hillsboro.
20	Davis, J. H.,	127	Samantha.
23	Davis, L. M.,	138	Rainsboro.
3	Davis, W. L. Y.,	30	Groesbeck.
3	Deaton, W. A.,	18	Cincinnati.
31	Deem, R. K.,	174	Westville.
14	Deputy, L. O.,	176	Troy.
19	Dubois, G. W.,	177	Urbana.
9	Dudley, W. R.,	184	Columbus.
56	Dustin, M.,	84	Dayton.
12	Easley, R. G.,	17	Fairmount, Cin'ti.
20	Easton, J. A.,	137	New Vienna.
34	Edgar, G. M.,	Sa.	Wilmington.
33	Edmiston, S. W.,	Sa.	Winchester.
6	Elliott, C. W.,	111	Mt. Washington.
4	English, F. C.,	119	Madison, N. J.
3	Enyart, C. F.,	78	Springboro.
3	Ewry, D. S.,	159	King's Creek.
28	Fee, G. W.,	Sa.	Mt. Orab.
52	Fee, W. I.,	182	Piqua.
30	Fidler, T. E.,	Sa.	Urbana.
4	Fuller, M. B.,	98	Georgetown.
10	Fulton, G. M.,	117	Williamsburg.
20	Gaddis, J. W.,	52	Centerville.
5	Gaddis, E. S.,	21	Cincinnati.
12	Glascock, B.,	Sa.	Muncie, Ind.
9	Glascock, J. L.,	Sn.	Mt. Lookout.
4	Gray, W. S.,	94	Chilo.
30	Gregg, J. L.,	Sa.	Manhattan, Kan.
19	Griffith, A. M.,	Sa.	Sabina.

No. of Years Effective . .	NAME.	No. in List of Appointments.	P. O. ADDRESS.
34	Grover, J. L.,	Sa.	Columbus.
17	Gullette, C. W.,	23	Cincinnati.
14	Haines, C. H.,	63	Franklin.
27	Hamilton, A.,	77	Seven Mile.
29	Harris, T. J.,	Sa.	Norwood.
7	Hartley, C. J.,	39	Riverside.
36	Henderson, H. A. M.,	31	Hartwell.
55	Herr, Wm.,	Sa.	Dayton.
3	Herr, D.,	170	Springfield.
6	Hershey, H.,	19	Cincinnati.
13	Hickman, J. W.,	118	Williamsburg.
4	Hill, J. R.,	173	Tippecanoe.
2	Hollingsworth, E. L.,	80	West Alexandria.
3	Horn, C. W.,	65	Sharonville.
17	Hull, J. F.,	Sa.	Rowland, Ala.
4	Humphrey, U. G.,	146	Winchester.
26	Hunter, J. R.,	161	Mutual.
1	Hutchinson, H. C.,	92	Edenton.
15	Hypes, B. D.,	166	South Charleston.
34	Hypes, F. W.,	Sa.	Owensville.
43	Hypes, W. L.,	Sn.	Dayton.
31	Jackson, W. B.,	Sa.	Urbana.
29	Jackson, W. P.,	88	Amelia.
38	James, E. P.,	Sa.	Delaware.
2	Kalbfus, C. H.,	79	Reiley.
37	Kauffman, M.,	Sa.	Springfield.
32	Keck, H. M.,	Sa.	Hamilton.
10	Ketcham, H. D.,	28	Cincinnati.
12	Ketcham, M. E.,	38	Norwood.
14	Kirgan, F. M.,	4	Carthage.
17	Kugler, M. M.,	5	Cheviot.
9	Laird, J. F.,	116	West Union.
15	Lane, E. T.,	145	Wilmington.
36	Lease, J. H.,	16	Cincinnati.
18	Leever, F.,	143	Spring Valley.
34	Leonard, A. B.,	181	150 Fifth Ave., New York.
13	LeSourd, M.,	125	Greenfield.
46	Lowrey, A.,	45	150 Fifth Ave., New York.
44	Loyd, J. F.,	Sa.	Delaware.
11	Lucas, A. H.,	171	Springfield.
5	Lucas, J. W.,	167	South Charleston.
2	Mackey, C. L.,	7	Cincinnati.
5	Magruder, J. W.,	25	Cincinnati.
18	Maddox, A. D.,	37	Newtown.
44	Marlay, J. F.,	150	Springfield.
13	Marsh, S. N.,	Sa.	Montecito, Cal.
3	Marshall, I. R.,	90	Bethel.
38	Mason, John W.,	86	Georgetown.
3	Mason, W. N.,	119	Boston, Mass.
9	Maxey, W. N.,	Sa.	Russell's.
12	McCabe, J. J.,	147	Xenia.
51	McCabe, L. D.,	180	Delaware.
34	McChesney, S.,	24	Cincinnati.
16	McColm, D. A.,	73	Osborn.

No. of Years Effective.	NAME.	No. in List of Appointments.	P. O. ADDRESS.
20	McColm, J. F.,	75	Stockton.
5	McColm, R. S.,	136	New Jasper.
38	McHugh, E.,	14	Cincinnati.
15	McMullen, W. T.,	Sa.	Owensville.
4	McNary, J. H.,	122	Blanchester.
2	McVey, W. P.,	48	Cincinnati.
...	Meeker, J. M.,	22	Cincinnati.
31	Middleton, H. C.,	179	Yellow Springs.
...	Middleton, J. H.,	Sa.	Greenfield.
18	Miller, A.,	Sa.	Chicago, Ill.
24	Miller, H.,	Sa.	Delaware.
27	Mitchell, F. G.,	165	Piqua.
2	Mitchell, W. C.,	156	Covington.
...	Moore, T. D.,	105	Manchester.
34	Morris, G. K.,	47	Malden, Mass.
4	Morris, G. V.,	89	Batavia.
33	Moler, W. B.,	Sn.	Springfield.
15	Munsey, C. D.,	153	Catawba.
29	Murray, James,	160	Mechanicsburg.
7	Newton, A. G.,	95	Decatur.
5	Nine, J. P.,	59	Dayton.
3	Oswald, B. F.,	140	Sinking Spring.
7	Page, I. C.,	155	Christiansburg.
3	Patton, W. M.,	163	New Moorefield.
1	Patton, J. W.,	76	Red Lion.
37	Payne, C. H.,	43	150 Fifth Ave., New York
51	Pearne, T. H.,	120	Hillsboro.
29	Pearson, Jno.,	6	Cincinnati.
4	Perry, G. T.,	104	Maineville.
28	Peters, J. W.,	67	Hamilton.
19	Pollard, S. G.,	10	Cincinnati.
30	Porter, J. P.,	102	Lebanon.
18	Prentiss, L. E.,	57	Dayton.
7	Price, I. E.,	101	Laurel.
21	Pumphrey, J. S.,	69	Miamisburg.
34	Quarry, W. J.,	Sa.	Felicity.
12	Ricketts, S. B.,	Sn.	Dayton.
16	Rishell, C. W.,	168	Springfield.
23	Robinson, W. A.,	55	Dayton.
17	Royal, S. O.,	15	Cincinnati.
4	Roughton, G.,	13	Cincinnati.
15	Ruggles, J. S.,	141	South Lebanon.
31	Runyan, Wm.,	70	Middletown.
25	Rust, R. H.,	1	Cincinnati.
52	Rust, R. S.,	42	Cincinnati.
3	Schenk, C. E.,	3	Pleasant Ridge.
7	Sellers, O. M.,	129	Leesburg.
19	Sentman, J. E. H.,	120	Bell.
33	Shannon, W. Q.,	Sn.	Xenia.
1	Shanor, G. B.,	131	Martinsville.
10	Shively, J. L.,	60	Eaton.
9	Shorten, J. W.,	107	Mason.
34	Shultz, J. McK.,	64	Gordon.
37	Shultz, J. P.,	162	New Carlisle.

No. of Years Effective.	NAME.	No. in List of Appointm'ts.	P. O. ADDRESS.
17	Smith, E. C.,	Sa.	Cleves.
28	Smith, R. E.,	108	Milford.
45	Smith, S. B.,	Sn.	Grand Rapids, Mich.
2	Smith, G. H.,	53	Vandalia.
39	Spahr, A. N.,	158	Greenville.
5	Spurrer, W. E.,	109	Montgomery.
3	Stafford, W. T.,	113	Owensville.
35	Starr, D. J.,	36	Miami.
34	Stephenson, J.,	34	Loveland.
36	Stokes, H.,	Sa.	Delaware.
51	Sutherland, W. H.,	12	Cincinnati.
14	Swadener, M.,	9	Cincinnati.
5	Taggart, J. I.,	Sa.	Rainsboro.
27	Travis, G. L.,	68	Lewisburg.
5	Trout, P.,	135	New Burlington.
10	Tufts, G. L.,	32	Harrison.
4	Turrell, A. C.,	20	Cincinnati.
30	Vance, D. C.,	128	Jamestown.
9	Vance, F. E.,	154	Cedarville.
35	Vance, John,	Sa.	New Moorefield.
5	Van Pelt, C. M.,	148	Xenia.
12	Vaughan, J. G.,	178	Urbana.
30	Verity, J.,	27	Cleves.
3	Vorhis, G. W.,	81	West Carrollton.
7	Walter, T. P.,	87	Aberdeen.
9	Warner, W. G.,	133	Morrow.
6	Washburn, D. W. C.,	100	Peebles.
17	Weakley, H. C.,	46	Cincinnati.
31	Webster, Wesley,	Sa.	South Charleston.
36	Weeks, S.,	41	Winton Place.
4	Wehrley, W. H.,	164	Piqua.
23	Wells, C. J.,	134	Mt. Orab.
27	Wells, E. T.,	49	Dayton.
23	West, W. M.,	69	New Paris.
17	White, J. A.,	71	Monroe.
24	Whitney, J. S.,	112	New Richmond.
6	Williams, T. G.,	96	Feesburg.
24	Wilson, J.,	130	Lynchburg.
4	Winkler, J. A.,	123	Bowersville.
12	Wones, Creighton,	11	25th Ward, Cincinnati.
8	Wones, Timothy,	Sa.	Springfield.
3	Wiant, W. A.,	157	Dialton.
3	Wyckoff, R. J.,	183	Boston, Mass.
23	Young, L. F.,	Sn.	Georgetown.
40	Ziuk, M. P.,	Sa.	Hillsboro.

WIDOWS OF PREACHERS.

Baker, Mrs. M. G., Xenia, O.	Lee, Mrs. Thos., Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, O.
Bayliss, Mrs. J. H., 743 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, Ill.	Lovell, Mrs. Chas. R., Hamilton, O.
Beall, Mrs. A. U., Monroe, O.	Mahon, Mrs. Wm., Madisonville, O.
Bishop, Mrs. J. P., Springfield, O.	Mathews, Mrs. J. McD., Hillsboro, O.
Boyer, Mrs. W. M., Manchester, O.	Meredith, Mrs. C. G., Springfield, O.
Brewster, Mrs. S. A., Springfield, O.	Miesse, Mrs. Wm. H., 1333 Otis Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
Callahan, Mrs. D., Georgetown, O.	Morrow, Mrs. W., 1337 Q St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
Chalfant, Mrs. J. F., Springdale, O.	Musgrove, Mrs. A., Christiansburg, O.
Conrey, Mrs. S. F., 111 Grace Street, Syracuse, N. Y.	McClelland, Mrs. J. F., ————
Crum, Mrs. G. C., Xenia, O.	McDonald, Mrs. N., Springfield, O.
Curry, Mrs. H. M., Hartwell, O.	Newson, Mrs. Jos., New Carlisle, O.
Ellsworth, Mrs. W. I., Springfield, O.	Peregrine, Mrs. J. S., Winona, Minn.
Fowble, Mrs. J. W., New Moorefield, O.	Purkhizer, Mrs. M. G., Hillsboro, O.
Fyffe, Mrs. W. H., Batavia, O.	Robinson, Mrs. J. M., Indianapolis, Ind.
Gaddis, Mrs. M. P., Dayton, O.	Sargent, Mrs. D. H., Lebanon, O.
Hall, Mrs. Jesse, Newport, Ky.	Shinn, Mrs. John, Marysville, O.
Hill, Mrs. J. J., Lebanon, O.	Smith, Mrs. James, 675 N. Delaware Street, Indianapolis, Ind.
Hines, Mrs. Wm. E., Williamsburg, O.	Stone, Mrs. J. W., Waverly, Iowa.
House, Mrs. Erwin, Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, O.	Tibbitts, Mrs. A. W., Jamestown, O.
Irvin, Mrs. J. N., Columbus, O.	Van Cleve, Mrs. L. F., Troy, O.
Kalbfus, Mrs. C., Frostburg, Md.	Warnock, Mrs. D., Urbana, O.
Kennedy, Mrs. G. H., Tippecanoe, O.	Weakley, Mrs. J. W., Covington, Ky.
Keely, Mrs. J. W., Oxford, O.	West, Mrs. E. G., Urbana, O.
Kelley, Mrs. Geo. W., 34 S. 16th St., Richmond, Ind.	Whitmer, Mrs. D., Orient Hill, Xenia, O.
Ketcham, Mrs. C. W., Delaware, O.	Williams, Mrs. W. N., Dayton, O.
Kirk, Mrs. Eli, Addison, O.	

SUMMARY.

NO. MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE—

Superannuate,	38
Supernumerary,	8
Effective,	164
Total,	210
PROBATIONERS,	210
WIDOWS,	50

LOCAL PREACHERS.

[Names of ELDERS, in SMALL CAPS; of *Deacons*, in *italics*; and of Licentiates, in Roman letters. All post-offices are in Ohio.]

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

ASKEW, ROBERT, Cincinnati.
Clark, David W., E. Walnut Hills.
 Conger, Dr., Groesbeck.
 CORNUELLE, V., Madisonville.
 CURME, ARTHUR A., Cincinnati.
Deubler, Joseph, Cincinnati.
 Dunham, W. J., Cincinnati.
 Getchell, Zerah, Cincinnati.
 Gilson, W. H., Cincinnati.
 Green, Otis, Hartwell.
 HAMMELL, G. M., Cincinnati.
 Kennedy, Francis, Norwood.
 KILBREATH, J. P., Cincinnati.
Locke, J. H., Winton Place.
 McComas, R. P., Madisonville.
 Meyers, Clifford, Evanston, Ill.
 MOORES, JAS. H., Cincinnati.
 Rowland, Chas. W., Cincinnati.
 Shaw, Herbert C., Cincinnati.
 Spraul, Chas. W., Hartwell.
 Stout, E. T., Mack.
 TIMMONS, S. B., Cincinnati.
 Vaughn, Chas. E., Cincinnati.
 Wolff, Louis W., Cincinnati.
 WRIGHT, H. W., Pleasant Ridge.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

Buckles, W. R., West Elkton.
Chapman, C. L., Glendale.
 Cunningham, J., Gratis.
 Greunan, L. E., Oxford.
 Gudgeon, H. W., Jacksonburg.
 HAGEMAN, R. S., Camp Hagerman.
 HOWREN, A. L., Brookville.
 Howell, Eli S., Seven Mile.
 Jaquish, E. L., Dayton.
 Johnson, Hiram, Eaton.
 Jones, T. S., Dayton.
 Jones, Jesse E., Hollingsburg.
 MANNING, J. W., Dayton.

McCord, Wm., Oxford.
 PAYNE, DR. J. H., Middletown.
 Pierce, W. W., Gordon.
 POLING, WM. B., Dayton.
 RICHARDS, D. D., M. A., Seven Mile.
Scott, Samuel, Dayton.
 Staley, D., Miamisburg.
 Stewart, R. S., Dayton.
Thompson, E. B., Brecon.
 Voris, J. S., Dayton.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

Arthur, E. J., Mt. Orab.
 Bennett, Fred. W., Williamsburg.
 Burdsall, Josiah, Owensville.
Burdsall, J. W., Marathon.
 Carr, W. M., Craver.
 Collins, W. O., Jacksonville.
 DAILEY, DAVID, Williamsburg.
 Ely, Charles, Henning's Mills.
Hall, W. G., Amelia.
Harmon, J. R., West Union.
Hart, Silas, Lebanon.
 Hibben, T. R., Fruit Hill.
Hill, J. P., Eastwood.
 Hill, Hezekiah, Craver.
Long, Jos. R., Eastwood.
 McMATH, JAMES, Moscow.
McNeilan, James, Dunkinsville.
 Moore, J. F., Felicity.
 PORTER, MOSES P., Ripley.
 Prall, T. E., Lebanon.
 Shriver, W. E., Dunkinsville.
 Shriver, Thos., Dunkinsville.
Singer, A. D., Chilo.
 Steven, S. A., Lebanon.
 Stevenson, Dan'l, Wamsley.
 Stiers, J. C., Hamersville.
 Stills, John, Batavia.
 Stone, Wm., Bethel.
 THOMPSON, MILTON, Mt. Orab.

Thoroman, S., West Union.
 WILLIAMSON, T. W., Aberdeen.
 Wright, J. W., Cherry Fork.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Arthur, E. J., Mt. Orab.
 Bell, Sheridan, Xenia.
Bowers, C. C., Port William.
 Craig, S. L., Oakland.
 Curless, A., Blanchester.
 Davis, A., New Market.
 Fulton, Robert, Lynchburg.
 Griffith, Wm. H., Marshall.
 HITE, ADDISON, Sinking Spring.
 Holmes, Wm., Memphis.
 Hough, W. S., Leesburg.
Johnson, Jacob, Bowersville.
 KNOX, ELIJAH L., Samantha.
 Long, J. A., Fairfax.
 Murphy, G. W., Marshall.
 Nailor, J. S., Hillsboro.
 Oldaker, J. W., Russell's.
 Redkey, Martin, Leesburg.
 SHADE, J. W., Hillsboro.
 Sollers, A. B., Roxana.
 Spahr, Gideon, Lumberton.
 Stewart, B. S., Samantha.
 STORY, ROBERT, Greenfield.

Thompson, Milton, Mt. Orab (Chaplain Ohio Penitentiary).
 Wilburn, W. D. Xenia.
 WINGET, C. L., Blanchester.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

Albright, S. P., Arcanum.
 Clutch, David, Springfield.
 Cox, Jonathan, Yellow Springs.
 CROW, T. D., Urbana.
 DEUEL, A. C., Urbana.
 Eiselstein, Geo.
 GUNN, J. W., Springfield.
 Heord, Thos., Troy, O.
 Howard, Francis.
 Johnson, Levi, Urbana.
 Koch, J. E., Arcanum.
 Martz, Geo., Greenville.
 Mark, E., Ellsworth, Troy, O.
Morris, Richard W., New Carlisle.
Raynor, William, Piqua.
 Rogers, Amos L., Jamestown.
 Rozell, J., Tippecanoe.
 Smith, Dr. S. D., Piqua.
 Talbot, J. G., Urbana.
 Thompson, C. W., Covington.
 Trout, J. F.
 Trout, J. D.
 Van Cleve, C. L., Troy.
 Wells, T. B., Tippecanoe City.

IV. REPORTS.

A. PRESIDING ELDERS.

CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

JOHN PEARSON, Presiding Elder.

THE past year has been financially a very trying one on the Cincinnati District; spiritually, it has been probably the best in a generation. Our people have nobly sacrificed, that the Lord's work should not be crippled, and the Lord has graciously visited the Churches. There are fifty-six societies embraced in the forty charges of the district; from all but two I have reports of conversions. In three especially difficult fields the numbers run respectively 5, 6, 5; the others report from 10 to 370. Fifteen pastors each report 40 or more saved; and of these, six report over 100. In all, over 1,900 souls are reported as having been born of God at our altars this year, and over 1,700 added to the Church. Hallelujah! A considerable number are also reported to have entered the rest of perfect love. May all of these go from strength to strength in Zion! The pastors have been exceedingly watchful and helpful in nurturing the converts, and a large percentage of them give promise of a permanent home in the Church of God.

The churches where the largest ingatherings occurred are McKendree, Wesley, Columbia, Fairmount, Riverside, St. Paul, York Street, Trinity, Pendleton, Christie, and Mt. Lookout. Each had large numbers saved, and much might justly be said of each. I hope when the pastors, not only of these but of all the Churches, report, they will not only speak of finances, but also of the spiritual work. The most remarkable revival, not only of the year but for many a long year, occurred at McKendree, Brother McHugh pastor. The whole year has been one of revival and continual conversions. Only last week, eight were saved. In all, about 350 souls have been converted at McKendree's altar this year, and the old Church has renewed its youth. Since the smothering debt was paid, she has been in a condition of constant revival. It is a thoroughly Methodist Church and doing a remarkable work in soul-winning, and will, I hope, do equally well in soul-training. God bless her and her much-loved pastor! Of Columbia and Wesley I will have occasion to speak later. The work of grace at Fairmount has increased the membership of that Church fifty per cent; and among the happy and vigorous and beloved pastors at this Conference, none can be found more happy, more efficient, or more beloved than our excellent friend, Dr. Sutherland.

PERSONAL.

One of the ministers—Rev. A. U. Beall—has been called from labor to reward. He was a true man, a loyal Methodist, a devout Christian, a good preacher, a faithful pastor, and one always beloved of the people he served, and whose ministry was owned of God in the salvation of men. We all loved him. How much we miss him! He departed for home in blessed triumph.

There has been considerable sickness in some of the parsonage homes. Dr. McChesney had to fly for his life in early winter; but, by God's blessing and the healing breezes that are strained through the pines on Indian River, he came back to us almost as robust as formerly, and he is here to-day. May his valuable life be spared through many a year!

Just now Brother F. M. Kirgan is slowly recovering from an attack of typhoid fever. His collections have felt the need of his stirring presence, but his charge has done nobly under the circumstances.

In May, Brother L. F. Young yielded to the pressure brought on him by years of illness, and resigned his charge at Delhi. Since then, Brother G. P. Austin has served the charge, and has done it with great acceptability. Brother Young has taken up a business in Georgetown, but longs to be able to resume work in the ranks.

Dr. Bowers, after battling bravely with long-standing disease, has concluded to ask the Conference for a year of rest, hoping it will enable him to so recruit his strength as to resume an effective relation.

Our hearts go out in tenderest sympathy with these our brethren, and our prayers unite with theirs for their speedy restoration to health.

Last spring our promising young brother, McVey, ran into a theological fog, and, in his confusion, precipitately resigned his charge. Drew Seminary sunshine has caused the fog to lift, and to-day he is among us, giving promise of becoming one of our most able and efficient defenders of the gospel of Christ. Since his resignation, the charge has been well served by Rev. Jonathan Verity.

CONCERTING PLANS FOR MISSION-WORK.

My attention having been frequently called to the unpleasant crossing of lines in missionary work in the city, some months ago attention was called to it in a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Deaconess Home, when it was suggested that a Committee of Conference be appointed to meet similar committees from the Glenn Industrial Home, of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and the Cincinnati Church Extension Society. The action was taken, and has resulted in the adoption of a plan whereby it is confidently hoped greater efficiency will be secured in the visitation of the penal and charitable institutions of the city and vicinity, and also a wiser location of new missions. The Preachers' Meeting also will be represented on the committees for planning the work and for determining the location, etc., of missions.

THE CHURCHES.

During the year I have given considerable attention to church property titles. In every case where a question was raised, it has been investigated and the facts brought to light. There are a few pieces of property in the district where the Disciplinary trust-clause is absent; the property being held by trustees for the local society. There are also a few with reversionary titles, where free quit-claims to the church can not be secured. As a general thing, the property of the district is well insured; in all, there is \$297,000 on buildings and furniture worth nearly half a million dollars. Out of the fifty-six churches, ten are not insured. All of the sixteen parsonages are insured. It is true the average value of the uninsured property, if we exclude one church in Cincinnati, does not exceed \$1,000; but if any were burned, it would be very difficult to replace them.

The efforts of the last few years have been very successful in removing debts. The last to emerge is Norwood, whose jubilee was celebrated one week ago last Sabbath. There is not now any old debt on the charges of the Cincinnati District, as it was up to last Conference, save at North Fairmount (\$2,500) and Winton Place (\$2,000). At North Fairmount they are carrying a balance for church building, and at Winton Place a balance on the cost of a beautiful stone parsonage. Both debts are in process of liquidation through building and loan societies.

All this is in reference to the old debts that in some instances, three at least, threatened the very life of the Churches. Twelve out of the thirteen

new churches built or bought in the district in the last five years are owing balances on building account, but in no case is the debt embarrassing, and, in all but two, satisfactory arrangements have been made for their early payment. Three of them are carried by the Cincinnati Church Extension Society. Seven of these thirteen new churches are in places where we never before had one. We are now holding regular church services in nine places where five years ago we had none, and in eight of them we have comfortable houses of worship. A few weeks after Conference adjourned last year, we dedicated the handsome stone church on Mt. Auburn, with which the name of its former pastor, John J. McCabe, will ever be associated. It is valued at \$30,000. Dr. Rust has done excellent service there in the face of great difficulties. He wholly won the hearts of his congregation. There is a fine future in promise for this Church in its new location.

When the financial panic of last year struck our Columbia people, after they had put into a new lot \$1,750 more than they had received for the old wrecked church and also the lot on which it stood, they thought they could not possibly go farther. They were, however, worshipping in a public hall, and very anxious to build. The gift from our Board of Church Extension of \$1,000 started a history that reads like a romance. Instantly new courage came to the people; a spirit of marvelous enterprise and benevolence took possession of them. They resolved not only to build a church, but also a parsonage, and pay for the latter in a building and loan association, using therefor what otherwise they would pay for rent. Ground was broken for the new buildings October 31st, and on December 31st the church, a tasteful, commodious, and convenient frame building, was dedicated. Four days previous the indefatigable pastor, Rev. S. G. Pollard, had moved into the parsonage! On dedication-day all obligations were provided for, to be paid within a year. So well has the matter been managed that they have considerably anticipated their payments, and before the year is up they will have paid all. On the night of dedication, twenty-two stood up to say they wanted to seek salvation, and from that on they had a gracious ingathering. Nearly one hundred souls were converted, and fifteen entered into the experience of perfect love. May every \$1,000 donated by our Board of Church Extension have as great a harvest! God did certainly honor, and in a signal way, the pluck, the perseverance, and the piety of this charge. The present property is valued at \$14,000, of which \$6,889 was paid this year.

Just now two new churches are nearing completion. The fine stone structure at Cummins ville is practically finished, and will be dedicated very soon. This property, including an \$8,000 lot, is worth about \$34,000. They will need the same style of consecration that characterized Columbia to pull safely through; but, with that spirit, they will make of the enterprise a triumphant success. They have done surprisingly well thus far, and I doubt not they will come out all right. Brother Wones has had a weighty load; but, by the help of the Master, he has proved equal to the task. The other that will soon be completed is a modest frame structure in the little town of Miami ville, on the Little Miami Railroad, a few miles south of Loveland. We have had no church there heretofore. Our cause is meeting with great favor from the community. Under proper leadership, we will soon have there an important society. Building a church has invariably a sifting effect—it generally relegates to the rear some who, for some reason, had always been at the front, and, on the other hand, discovers and brings into just recognition some whom the church never appreciated before. And, no doubt, it is well it should be so. The men who stand the crucial tests are the men the Church *can* and *ought* to trust.

Before long, I think there will be at least three more new churches built; viz., Cheviot or Westwood, Delhi, and Norwood. Our present Norwood Church is situated about a mile and a half north of our Ivanhoe church. Both are within the limits of the incorporated village of Norwood, which will before long be annexed to Cincinnati. After careful deliberation, both these societies have agreed to unite and build one good church in a central location.

A large proportion of the charges have spent money improving the property, and to-day the churches are neat, clean, and in good repair. In that connection, Christie is worthy of especial mention. The \$860 spent scarcely suggests the great work of refitting, repairing, and improving that it was made to cover. Christie has now one of the most attractive audience-rooms in the city, and also light and tasteful Sunday-school rooms. At Pleasant Ridge, Harrison, Cleves, Delhi, Miami, York Street, Wesley, Asbury, Price Hill, Mt. Lookout, and Finley, the churches have felt the touch of love in beautifying and improving them.

LOCAL PREACHERS AND EXHORTERS.

There are twenty-seven local preachers in the district. Some of these are quite active; but there are others to whom license seems voted, because for years it has been so done.

There are twenty exhorters in the district, who, in the aggregate, are doing more special Church-work than the local preachers. Thirteen charges have exhorters—Asbury has four, one-fifth of all in the district. I note but two, possibly three, ornamental or honorary exhorters in the list. I quote from my Quarterly Conference notes two types in three cases: Case 1. "G. W. L., no report. Pastor represented him as working 'on his own hook.' License renewed." Case 2. "R. E. K., no report. Pastor represented him as not complying with the rules as to working under direction of pastor. Agreed should not renew license." Case 3. "B. D., written report as follows: 'I love Methodism, and regret I am not able to help her much in her world-wide mission. I hold myself subject to the direction of pastor, attend the means of grace, and rejoice in the God of my salvation.'" May God increase the exhorters after the type of B. D., and give the pastors and Quarterly Conferences the sense and the courage to dispose of the roving irregular, as the Quarterly Conference did in Case 2 above!

Speaking of Quarterly Conferences, I may say it has been my effort to secure written reports from all who should report. In some charges the tendency is to minify the Quarterly Conference by withholding from it the business which the Discipline sends to it, and this always reacts on the tone of the Church; also, I am persuaded that not more than one in ten of our Churches really get out of our system of Disciplinary committees what *can* and ought to be gotten out of it. Properly worked, it trains fifty to one hundred persons to systematic work for the Lord. Probably there is no direction in which the industry and executive capacity of a pastor can be more distinctly shown than in what he does with the Quarterly Conference committees.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS AND EPWORTH LEAGUES.

The Sunday-schools are generally well organized, and are becoming much better supplied with Bibles than formerly. I hope the day may soon come when the Bible shall be in the hands of every scholar who can read, and a good reference Bible in the hand of every teacher. In ten schools of the district, this is now the condition. I may, without invidiousness, refer to the Sunday-school at Wesley Chapel. It is remarkably well organized, including a normal class in two sections; indeed, Wesley throughout is a hive of churchly industry. They are there more rapidly than any other church with which I am acquainted, learning to give according to a Scripturally-educated conscience. Two weeks ago, in the financial prayer-meeting, they started their subscriptions for next year, and have most of their estimates now provided for. The claims of this year are all met.

There are in the district forty-two chapters of the Epworth League and twenty-two Junior Leagues. Nearly all of these are doing good work, most of them very good. But the pastors are not a unit as to their desirableness. One said in Quarterly Conference, in answer to the inquiry, "Have you an Epworth League?" "Have no Epworth League, and do n't want any; do n't need them. Want young people at prayer-meeting, and

can't get them out twice. Besides, the pastor would have to be head and shoulders, and all." On the other hand, another pastor—one of our most thoughtful and successful—said in a Quarterly Conference, calling on the members present to confirm his statements, which they promptly and heartily did, while he said: "The Epworth League is a tremendous institution in this Church, and in every line of its work it is very helpful. Yes, large numbers of its members are always found in the prayer-meetings and other Church services." Thus men will differ. But my observation leads me to believe that the wise pastor can generally make the League a valuable auxiliary in Church-work, and also cause it to be invaluable as a training-school for young Christian workers.

THE BENEVOLENCES.

The pastors have done heroic and devoted work on behalf of the benevolences; but as the financial conditions of the country have been so strained, I greatly fear they will suffer. I am glad, however, to say that in several places where I feared there would be a large decline, the pastors report they have reached their full apportionment.

The Cincinnati Church Extension Society has been doing excellent work. I hold the report of the President of the Society, which will be presented at your pleasure. This Society requests the return of Rev. M. Swadener as Superintendent. He has been doing excellent work.

Our great Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital will also be properly brought to your attention by the Conference Board. The Board of Managers request the reappointment as Corresponding Secretary of H. C. Weakley, who has put into this institution five years of very acceptable and successful service.

To God be the glory for the good work wrought on the Cincinnati District.

DAYTON DISTRICT.

E. T. WELLS, Presiding Elder.

WE come to you a second time, to give account of the pastors and Churches of Dayton District. As these faithful ministers and these numerous Churches, with their loyal membership, rise into view, the opportunity seems all too brief to give anything like an adequate statement of the work and achievements of the twelve months now past and gone. We must pass rapidly along the column, giving only lines of mention where pages could be written. As we make this tour of inspection, we shall find some in camp in fertile fields, and others in desert-places. We shall hear the hammer and the saw in building and improvements. We shall see the funeral procession, and hear the voice of mourning, as with solemn dirge the dead are laid away. We shall hear the voice of rejoicing where the wedding-bells are ringing. We shall pass by Israel's wailing-places, where loud lamentations are made concerning the hardness of the times and the poverty of Zion. We shall see cohorts of children in the Sabbath-schools, and hosts of the youth in Epworth League column, while battalions of infantry in the Junior League will file by in martial array. Ever and anon will be heard the shout of the King in the camp, and joyous notes of victory over sin and death will be heard in the hallelujahs of new-born souls, converted in the many revivals of the year.

The body of ministers and members composing this district, number as to the ministry—effective men, 39; supernumerary, 2; superannuate, 2—making a total of 43 preachers within its bounds. The membership numbers, including probationers, 10,506. There are 31 appointments, and 67 preaching-places; 15 of these are stations, and 16 are circuits and half-stations. The territory occupied by these churches is comprised in eight different counties; namely, Montgomery, Clarke, Darke, Preble, Butler, Warren, Greene, and Hamilton. To travel throughout this terri-

tory, and give to each charge four visitations per year, has required the presiding elder to hold three quarterly-meetings per week for seven weeks, and two quarterly meetings per week for five weeks. Each quarter I have preached on an average of four times per week.

We entered upon the year in the midst of great business depression, which has continued until now. The financial difficulty has been intensified in the rural sections by the protracted drouth, which has greatly shortened the crops. Notwithstanding all this, in not a single instance was the salary of a preacher reduced—in some instances the salary was increased. The statistics will show a paying up of the entire amount promised, with perhaps two or three exceptions.

The pastors have been faithful in regard to the benevolent collections, and have done their utmost to prevent their falling below the former years. The elder has given his attention also to this work, and has preached upon missions and the general subject of giving, to do what he might to counteract the tendency to withhold on account of the times, and to educate the people in the duty of contributing to the support of the gospel and the various enterprises of the Church. Notwithstanding, there will be a falling off in all our collections; not so large, however, as might be expected, but much larger than we could have desired.

Never in her history has the Church passed through a harder period to obtain money. Many of her members are out of employment, very few making any money beyond their living, many having lost money—the farmer, with reduced crops and low prices for his product—all have conspired to embarrass our financial work; and whatever has been accomplished is, under the circumstances, greater success than the bountiful contributions of more prosperous years.

The year has been characterized by many precious revivals, the conversions amounting to about 1,500; the additions to the Church throughout the district will be about 1,200 probationers; this, with the accessions by letter, will make the number 1,700. These figures are under, rather than over, the exact number, being taken from an early statement, while later reports would show an increase.

There has been a marked increase in the Sabbath-school work, and in the attendance on the same. This has been found to be almost universal on the district, and has been a most hopeful and encouraging feature.

The Epworth League of the district is in a flourishing condition. We have no brighter feature of our work than this young people's organization. These young people's Sabbath and week-day evening meetings are delightful. The Church is developing a power through these Leagues which will tell mightily for God in the years to come. There are thirty-one Leagues in the district, with a total membership of 2,546. There are eleven Junior Leagues, with a membership of 857. This is a very interesting branch of the service, and brings the boys and girls into a still closer relationship to the Church of God. A very interesting and profitable District Convention was held at Raper Church, Dayton, in October. Sub-district Conventions have also been held at Trinity, Dayton, Springboro, Franklin, and Camden. These have seemed specially helpful and popular with the Leaguers. They open an opportunity for many to take part, and have the virtue of working, in the aggregate, a larger number than can be used in a larger Convention. We wish a more extended notice could be given of the enthusiasm with which our Leagues have arranged programs, and carried out these Subdistrict Conventions.

We will, as briefly as possible, glance at the work in detail. On the southern border of the district our rural work has suffered by a change of population, through property changing hands, and a tenantry class of foreign and infidel residents have taken possession; so that where we were once numerous and strong, we are now weak and struggling. In the language of our eloquent predecessor's report last year, "Great masses of infidelity and paganism are found, waves of brutalism from the great city roll in upon us; and, alas! the shore too often yields to the advancing sea." This is true of the territory comprised in Port Union, Venice,

Walker, and Union Circuits. With these difficulties, Brothers Stephenson, Cundy, and Kalbfus have been faithfully contending. In this territory, with its good church accommodations, there will be a necessity, if we continue to hold it, of the old order of missionary appropriations for the pastor's support.

On the western boundary, along the Indiana line, we have the New Paris and Fort Jefferson Circuits, with Fair Haven and Sugar Valley, manned by Brothers West and Coffman. The latter charge was visited with a gracious revival, resulting in 122 probationers. The church at Sugar Valley was substantially improved by repairing.

New Madison, one of the points on the New Paris work, was virtually left to be supplied at the close of the last session of our Conference. It was dropped from the list of appointments of the New Paris and Fort Jefferson Circuits by a vote of the Quarterly Conference. C. C. Cissell supplied the work for a part of the year. He held a meeting with good results. He found a membership of 19, and left it with a membership of 49. J. W. Cassatt has supplied the place for the past six months. The field is a good one, and remains almost entirely for the Methodists to occupy. Brother Cassatt says: "New Madison and the surrounding population afford an inviting opportunity for earnest effort on the part of our Church."

West Elkton Circuit, supplied by W. R. Buckles for two years, has had a prosperous year, and the work has been built up at nearly all the five points. A revival at West Elkton resulted in 92 conversions. B. F. Hawley has served as a supply on the Westchester Circuit for two years, with great acceptability. The church property at Westchester and Tylersville have been improved and beautified.

At Seven Mile we have a beautiful church and good parsonage. Darrtown is connected with it. A. Hamilton has had charge of these two points with a good degree of success—45 accessions.

Camden and Summerville, in charge of J. T. Bail, have prospered during the past year. Camden had an ingathering of 55 on probation and by letter.

Gordon Circuit, J. McK. Shultz pastor, consists of four points. Two of these are vigorous and prosperous; namely, Gordon and West Baltimore; the remaining two have a weak and struggling existence. To maintain the work in its present form will require great effort on the part of the Churches.

Centerville, J. W. Gaddis pastor, is one of our best circuits. It has prospered under the present administration. Had the times remained prosperous, Centerville doubtless, by this time, would have ventured to become a station. Good congregations greet the elder on this work, both at weekday and Sunday service.

Osborn work, in charge of D. A. McColm has been blessed and built up at Osborn and Fairfield. Seventy have been received by letter and on probation.

At Concord, J. P. Nine has completed five years of acceptable labor. Were it not for the time-limit, the people would gladly retain him; as it is, however, they submit, with the request that he receive a good place, as he well deserves. At Ebenezer, on this work, the church-building has been remodeled and improved at the cost of \$541. Reopening service, Sabbath, September 2d, was conducted by the writer.

Glendale and Sharonville are two spirited little charges, that, in proportion to their numbers and ability, measure up to the best places we have. Our last love-feast at Sharonville was a pentecostal occasion. The Lord crowned the year with his goodness by leading the pastor to take to himself a wife, so that he will present himself to Conference with an increased force for usefulness.

At Lewisburg, G. L. Travis, who had been laid aside for a period of time by impaired health, has, with improved health, endured the year's toil without interruption. At the last quarterly-meeting we found an increased attendance; room newly carpeted and decorated parsonage yard

improved; wonderful change within and without. Raised on the work for improvements and to pay an old debt, \$623.

The last in this list of two or more appointments is West Carrollton and Homestead Avenue, Geo. W. Vorhis, pastor. This is the first appearance of this charge in the list of the appointments, as it was only created at our last session. West Carrollton, one of our oldest points, was joined with Homestead Avenue, Dayton, just organized. It will disappear with this one year of existence as a united charge. By the blessing of God on the work, West Carrollton has determined to become a station, and have the entire services of a pastor. She comes to Conference with a good support already pledged for the pastor, and the expectation of building a new church before the close of the ensuing Conference year. A most wonderful meeting was conducted by the pastor, without any outside help, which reached the whole community, and resulted in 142 accessions to the church; 92 of these were on probation; 107 conversions. The work of conversion was thorough, the Church was greatly refreshed, membership doubled, benevolent collections the largest ever raised in the history of the charge, exceeding even the amount given when united with other points as a circuit. There are 33 *Western Advocates* and 70 *Epworth Heralds* taken in this charge. The prosperity of this appointment has been phenomenal. The charge is blessed with a zealous pastor and large-hearted men who devise liberal things, who love the Church, and are ready to prove the sincerity of their love by their cheerful giving to the support of all the work. Miamisburg holds steadily on its way without much change. A debt of \$700 has been liquidated. M. E. Ketcham is closing his third year as pastor. He has been the efficient district secretary of the Epworth League, and has done good work in organizing new Leagues throughout the district.

At Franklin, C. H. Haines has won the hearts of the people, and closes his first year with a cordial feeling; 32 accessions.

Springboro has met with losses by removals and otherwise, which have curtailed her financial strength; but with indomitable courage, she presses on, determined, if possible, to keep her head above the waves. C. F. Enyart has given them faithful service, and is willing to stand by the ship still further if the bishop so decrees.

Red Lion began the year under the pastoral care of W. C. F. Lippert. Near the middle of the year Brother Lippert broke down under the strain of the work, and was compelled to give up the charge. We very fortunately procured for a supply J. W. Patton, who came to us from the ministry of the United Brethren Church, and has served the people for the past six months so acceptably that they are unanimous for his continuance.

West Alexandria, whose venture as a station seemed something of an experiment, well maintains herself, and determines to continue on that line. D. Herr has finished his second year with them, this being his first charge.

W. A. Deaton, pastor at Germantown, has completed three years at this, his first appointment. He has taken to himself one of the elect ladies of this charge as his wife. She has been a worker in all the departments of the Church, Sunday-school teacher, president of Epworth League, steward, teacher in the public schools, as efficient in the home as in public, and will be indeed to him a worthy helpmeet. The Conference is to be congratulated on the fact that six of their young men have made the happy find spoken of in the Scriptures, which declares, "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor of the Lord."

One among the other good places which fell into the Dayton District by the rearrangement of the districts, was Oxford, the seat of the Miami University and of two very flourishing female seminaries. Beautiful for situation is this place. Our Church here has an official board who attend to all its business with promptness. E. H. Cherington is giving great satisfaction in his pulpit and pastoral work.

Eaton has been visited with a most precious revival; 118 accessions

to the Church as a result of the work. During the meetings the auditorium was crowded nightly, and the seekers came to the altar after the old-time manner, and were happily converted. J. L. Shively was incessant in his labors, and wisely directed the great work. We wish we could take time to speak more in detail of this great revival.

Middletown has passed through a stormy and somewhat disastrous year financially. Our Church has suffered loss through the failures that occurred. We have suffered at no point on the district as we have here. S. O. Royal has guided the ship in the midst of the storm with great wisdom and care. Everything has been put in shape to enable the ship to weather the storm for the years of the immediate future with comparative ease and comfort. The financial cyclone found them confronting a debt of \$10,000. This, with its interest and the current expenses of the Church, was something appalling in view of their diminished resources. Three thousand five hundred dollars of this debt has been provided for by a mortgage upon the old church property, the rent of which amply provides for the interest. They have a good tenant in the person of the State, who holds it as an armory. This amount of indebtedness gives them no concern. The balance of the debt, \$6,000, was placed in a five years' obligation, in which nothing but the annual interest is to be met. This the Church not only meets, but in addition will be able to make some reduction each year upon the principal. In this work the Ladies' Aid Society of the Church is a prominent factor. Their parsonage is free and unincumbered. Practically, they have an indebtedness of \$6,000, which, at the end of five years, will be less than that; and they hope to be able to wipe it all out at that time. For all their indebtedness and expenditures they have an excellent church property which will be a joy and pride in years to come, when all the losses of this period shall be forgotten. Notwithstanding the financial troubles of the year, the pastor is able to report 91 accessions.

While one suffers and is cast down, another prospers and is built up. We turn to Hamilton, C. W. Gullette pastor, where a beautiful new church and parsonage have just been completed. They entered upon their enterprise before the panic came, but have pursued it under the shadow of the country's distress. For a little more than a year they worshiped in the court-house, where they had a comfortable place, and met with good success. Their congregations were good, and the Sabbath-school increased in numbers.

Finally, on the first Sabbath of July, the church was dedicated by Bishop Joyce, assisted by Dr. D. H. Moore. The occasion was one of great spiritual uplift to the people. After the Bishop's sermon in the morning, the congregation was appealed to for the balance needed, amounting to \$10,000. It was quickly subscribed, and a handsome margin in the way of a surplus was given, so that the church was dedicated, amid great rejoicing, free of debt. We have no more tasteful, substantial, and elegant church in our borders. The auditorium is a very harmonious blending of tints in fresco and furniture and window, restful to the eye and delightful to behold. It is not necessary to dwell upon this description, as the Conference will be invited to hold its next session within its walls, when the brethren can come and see for themselves.

In conclusion, welcome to Dayton. Here we have five churches, with a new church property—Homestead Avenue, in Browntown—about paid for, with a membership of nearly 50, and a Sabbath-school averaging about 90. We have purchased also, this year, in Riverdale, two beautiful lots on Warder Street, on which to erect a church as soon as we think the times will justify the effort. We have a very flourishing Sabbath-school in Riverdale, and a class of 50 members. At no very distant day we will have a Church of strength and usefulness equal to our best. We shall ask, as a temporary arrangement, that Homestead and Riverdale be united and be left to be supplied. The entire pastoral force of Dayton were all new men. The year has been a good one to Dayton Methodism. The ingathering for the year amounts to 550.

Grace Church, W. A. Robinson pastor, began the year with a much needed improvement on the parsonage, expending about \$2,500. The accessions have reached 84—net gain of 57. The Sabbath-school has also increased in attendance. Total benevolences in advance of last year.

Trinity Church, with their pastor, G. S. Pumphrey, have wrought faithfully under great disadvantages, having one-half their membership out of employment more than half the year.

E. Burdsall, at St. Paul, has received 91 on probation and by letter. The Sabbath-school has been largely attended, having an average for the year of 524.

At Broadway, in West Dayton, we have a great field and a large membership. F. M. Clemans has been diligent in labors, making 1,400 pastoral visits, besides the work of the pulpit and funeral ministrations. He reports, from all sources, 150 accessions. We have here a large congregation, large Epworth League, and a Sabbath-school, averaging, for the year, 350.

Raper Church, L. E. Prentiss pastor, has had a remarkably good year—a blessed revival in the winter, a large prayer-meeting through the summer, Epworth League devotional meeting on Sabbath evening, averaging, during past quarter, 196 in attendance. The pastor has broken the record, making 2,685 visits. Accessions for the year, 124 probationers, 101 by letter, making a total of 225—a net gain for the year over all losses of 147—making a total membership of 874. Average of Sabbath-school, 409. The Church has raised, for the year, \$8,023. The benevolences are in advance of the past. The current expenses are all met, and \$100 in the treasury.

While none of our brethren in the ministry have fallen under the hand of death, some members of their families have been called hence. Mary W. Ferguson, widow of Charles Ferguson, died at her residence in Dayton, November 22, 1893. In the midst of great prostration and helplessness she said to me: "He doeth all things well." Revs. M. Dustin and Wm. Herr conducted the funeral services at Grace Church.

Brother M. Dustin, who buried a daughter one year ago, was called, almost on the anniversary of his daughter Mary's death, to mourn the departure of his beloved son Samuel, known to many of the brethren of this Conference. One only of his children remains. May the Lord comfort and sustain him! Just preceding this, our session, the beloved wife of C. W. Gullette was called home. Impressive services were held in the parsonage at Hamilton, where many sympathizing friends gathered to pay the last mark of love and respect to the departed friend.

We close the year with thanksgiving to God for uninterrupted health, for the comfort of his presence in the work, and for an increasing love for the Church and himself.

GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

J. W. MASON, Presiding Elder.

ONE year ago the Bishop, without my suggestion, accorded the honor of the district name to Georgetown Circuit. The membership of that charge have shown their appreciation of this recognition by advancing the pastor's salary and by aspiring to lead in the benevolent collections. I could not but wish that all the charges might bear the district name, if such results would follow. We have many reasons for gratitude to the Head of the Church for the success which has rewarded the laborers. All has not been sunshine, but the blessings received have exceeded the ills.

Death entered the parsonage at Ripley, March 27, 1894, and Sister Abrams was not, for God took her. The summons was unexpected, and it came at a time when she seemed most needed by her family, her friends, and the Church; but the beauty of her Christian life, and the calm triumph of her departure, robbed death of its gloom, and gave new evidence of the power of Christ to save.

August 10th, David H. Sargent, for forty-eight years a member of this Conference, was removed from the Church on earth to join the redeemed in heaven. He was sustained in his last hours by the faith in which he lived. His end was one of peace. Several of the pastors were hindered in their work by sickness; but they are now in usual health, and ready for duty.

Brother C. L. Winget, supply on Butlerville Circuit, was elected Chaplain of the Ohio Penitentiary. Brother H. C. Hutchinson has filled the vacancy. Brother Henry Witham was transferred by Bishop Mallalieu to the North Dakota Conference. Brother T. D. Moore was transferred from that Conference, and appointed to fill Brother Witham's place at Manchester.

The churches and parsonages are in good condition. The church at Amelia and the church at Pleasant Hill, on Centenary charge, were burned. The latter has been rebuilt, and was dedicated September 2d. The Amelia church is in course of construction, and will be ready for use by October next. Seven thousand dollars have been expended in building and repairs. The instructions of the Discipline as to the location and erection of churches should be more carefully heeded. Thus would be avoided the threefold evil: many weak societies burdened with expense; pastors overtaxed in serving them; and salaries insufficient for ministerial support.

The benevolent collections have been faithfully presented with but few exceptions. Notwithstanding the embarrassed condition of the people, they have responded with commendable liberality.

The total allowance for the support of the ministry was advanced several hundred dollars this year; but it is to be feared that the deficiency of the final settlement will lessen the increased apportionment. The pastors have shared with the membership in the financial embarrassments incident to the year.

The spiritual harvest has not been what we expected in view of the possibilities of grace and the opportunities offered for the salvation of souls. But God has honored faithful labor, and most of the charges have had some revival. A few have had marked manifestations of the presence and power of God. Over twelve hundred have been reported converted.

The Sunday-schools are well organized and maintained. The officers and teachers are, for the most part, members of the Church, and have a Christian experience. The books, papers, and helps are furnished by the Methodist Book Concern. The class-meeting is sustained in nearly all of the societies, and is regarded with favor. It is one of the efficient agencies in the development of Christian experience and character. The Epworth League is organized in most of the charges in the district. Under the direction of faithful pastors and loyal, consecrated officers, it is an element of great power and helpfulness to the ministry in evangelistic efforts, and in sustaining the stated means of grace. There are thirty-six Senior and nine Junior Leagues, with a total membership of 2,251. One District and two Subdistrict Conventions were held this year. They were occasions of intellectual and spiritual uplift. The camp-meeting at Shiloh is reported to have been well conducted, with large attendance, and was promotive of spiritual growth and of consecrated Christian activity.

I have sought to discourage what has seemed to be a tendency on the part of preachers and people to ask for needless changes. Frequent breaks in pastorates are damaging alike to the ministry and to the membership. The expense of moving last year amounted to more than the salaries received by two of the pastors of the district. Stewards should carefully consider this subject, and avoid making changes for the love of change. It is a harmful practice that should not be encouraged.

I have not pointed out the special success of my brethren in the ministry by naming them individually. More than usual results have attended the labors of some, but all have been devoted, patient toilers. A few have wrought amid peculiar discouragements and seemingly meager results, but God knows who of these has been most successful in sowing the seed which shall produce the most abundant fruitage in the future.

I am under a debt of gratitude to the pastors of the district and to the membership for their kindness, sympathy, and help during the year, and especially during my disability, caused by an accident. God alone can and will reward you.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

THOMAS H. PEARNE, Presiding Elder.

Mr. Chairman and Brethren:

INDULGE me in a personal remark or two. Twenty years ago, when the Conference session was held here, Bishop Foster transferred me from the Holston to this Conference. He stationed me at Grace Church, in Dayton. As a veteran Methodist itinerant, I thank the members of this body for their invariable kindness and courtesy to me. I have always found your fellowship both genial and helpful. Again, I thank you.

I am largely indebted to the excellent work of my official predecessors—and especially to Dr. Runyan—for the manner and quality of their administration, and for the fine condition in which they left the district. Much of this year's reaping has been from their good sowing. It is still true in our economy, as it was in the Master's time, "Other men labored, and ye have entered into their labors."

I thankfully record the Lord's gracious help, by which I have come through a year of arduous toil with eye undimmed and natural force unabated. My quarterly district travel is 1,600 miles, for the year 6,400 miles. Three-fourths of this distance has been traveled in my buggy. In other Church-work my railroad travel has been 4,600 miles; in all 11,000 miles. Without hindrance or interruption from sickness or weather, I have passed through the year. Yet the service has been very happy. Two hundred sermons; of Quarterly Conferences, sacraments, and love-feasts, each 120—in all 360; 560 regular public religious services in the year, averaging ten and a half each week. Besides all this, the care of 32 traveling and as many local preachers; 90 Sabbath-schools, 8,000 scholars; 4,000 Epworth Leaguers; 10,000 Church members; 26 parsonages, worth \$47,550; 87 churches, worth \$229,000—\$276,550. All this makes up a cause of large import.

In line with these growing numbers are those relating to the area of the district. In its greatest length, east and west, it extends 90 miles by 50 miles in width, making an area of 4,500 square miles. This area covers parts of five counties, and all, or nearly all, of three others. These abnormal dimensions are because of four charges, lying outside and west of the normal and compact boundaries of the Hillsboro District. Two of these charges—Monroe and Bethany—are in Butler County. Of the other two, Mason is in Warren County; and just below, in Hamilton County, is Montgomery Circuit, the other. These four charges lie twenty miles beyond the compact parts of the district. A trip to each requires railroad travel of 320 miles, and an expense of \$6.50—a yearly outlay of travel of 1,400 miles, and of money \$26. Besides this extraordinary expenditure, the present form of the district requires me to cross parts of the Georgetown, Cincinnati, and Dayton Districts. Without these four charges, and which really should form no part of the Hillsboro District, the district would still be sufficiently large; *i. e.*, 65 miles long by 59 miles wide, an area of 3,280 square miles, or nearly one-half the area of the entire Conference.

One-third of the district is quite hilly, yielding most agreeable and picturesque scenery, but also, at the same time, augmenting the labor of traveling it. The population, for the chief part, is made up of agriculturists rather than of manufacturers and traders, and so they have felt the financial depression less acutely than commercial and manufacturing people do.

Early in the year Brother Winkler, of the Belfast charge, was prostrated by typhoid fever, which disabled him for three months, yet he was mercifully and almost miraculously restored.

Early in November the death-angel entered the Rainsboro parsonage home. He removed our faithful and beloved sister, Mrs. Bailey, leaving their only child, a daughter of ten years, motherless, and bereaving our dear brother of his chosen helpmeet. Her brief struggle was fearfully severe, yet she was divinely carried. For the stricken husband and child the providential and gracious supply was adequate.

As is already well known, our brave and gallant young pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Xenia, has been prostrated by typhoid fever during the past six weeks. He is gradually coming round. We trust he will soon be completely restored.

With these exceptions, the presiding elder and his thirty earnest co-laborers have enjoyed exceptionally good health. In fullest accord, and with locked shields, we have wrought and fought under our Lord's banners, and not in vain. Our God has wondrously owned and crowned the year's work. At a moderate estimate 2,000 persons have professed to be converted to God at our altars. Probably from 1,200 to 1,400 have united with our Church. Nearly all the charges have shared in the gracious visitation. In each of six or eight of the charges over a hundred have professed conversion.

In the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Xenia, J. J. McCabe pastor, nearly 400 professed conversion; 330 united with the Church. In Greenfield, under Brother LeSourd's ministry, over 500 professed saving faith. In these cases, and generally, the revivals were under the personal direction of the pastors only. The revivals throughout the district were manifestly genuine displays of God's spiritual and saving power. There was a marked absence from them of wild-fire and fanaticism. Since the revivals, earnest and continuous efforts have been made to teach and train the converts for steady-going Christian work.

In connection with the Greenfield revival, and growing out of it, a remarkable church improvement has been projected by the pastor and his brethren. Their present church edifice can not hold more than one-half of their members, numbering now nearly or quite a thousand. During the three months of the revival hundreds were unable to enter the church. A subscription of \$22,500 has been secured. Some \$3,000 of this has been paid in for a new and larger church. Their subscriptions, supplemented by their present unincumbered church property, amounting to perhaps \$25,000, will enable the brethren to erect and complete a church and parsonage property worth \$50,000, which will seat 1,500 persons.

On Sugar Tree Ridge Circuit, Bro. J. M. Roberts, the pastor, and his official brethren have repaired the parsonage. They are rebuilding Wesley Chapel.

In Lynchburg, Brother John Wilson and his co-workers have beautified and improved our church there to the amount of \$1,200.

In Mason, under the direction of John W. Shorten, a like transformation has been wrought, at an expense of \$1,400, of which nearly one-half has been paid.

Eighteen hundred dollars have been spent in Belfast in remodeling the old church there. Further means are needed, and are being sought, to complete this. At Flat Run, on the same charge—Brother Winkler's—a new and beautiful church has been completed, costing some \$1,400 or \$1,600. In December last I dedicated it. Part of the expense of this church was given by the late Captain Wilson, whose bequests for Christ's kingdom were almost \$500,000.

At Center, Bowersville charge, our pastor, O. D. Becker, has thoroughly remodeled and improved the church-building, from sills to dome, at an expense of some \$1,300, rendering the church one of the most beautiful and attractive in the district. I reopened it July 29th, when the last \$100 needed for completing payment for the same was raised.

Through the wise zeal of the pastor, Rev. L. M. Davis, Sabina has

secured one of the most lovely and delightful churches in the district, if not in the Conference. It is of brick, having all the modern appointments, including cathedral-glass windows. The seating capacity is eight hundred; cost of lots and building \$14,000. At the dedication, by Dr Moore, June 18th, the last \$4,000 of this cost was raised. On the next Sabbath evening, at my third quarterly meeting, the great Sabina revival began. A gentleman presented himself at the altar for prayers. Before the meeting closed he and a hundred others were happily saved. At the close of the revival it was determined to build a new and modern parsonage, corresponding in style and comfort with the church, and upon the lot adjoining. The funds for this were provided by the sale of the old parsonage and lots, several blocks away. The finished beautiful parsonage is now ready for Brother Davis's successor. The Sabina Quarterly Conference have requested the Bishop to constitute them a station, a rank which their growing numbers and ability will abundantly enable them to sustain. Thus two parsonages and seven churches have been projected or completed, and, for the most part, paid for, amounting to \$47,000.

The Disciplinary provisions relating to missions and other Church benevolences have been faithfully observed. It is hoped that all our Conference collections will compare favorably with those of former years.

The debts upon churches and parsonages are inconsiderable. They are in course of liquidation. Nearly all our Church property is held by adequate titles, and in the prescribed Disciplinary form. Many of the churches and parsonages, especially the more costly ones, are insured.

The quarterly-meetings have usually been marked by high spiritual presence and power. While the work has been hard, it has been a glad and delightful service. It brings wonderful fellowships with Jesus and his workers.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.

JOHN F. MARLAY, Presiding Elder.

I AM happy to be able to report that, notwithstanding the general business stagnation of the current year, no material interest of the Church has suffered on Springfield District, while, in spiritual results, we have made substantial progress. Not less than 1,200 persons have been converted and added to the Church during the year. Among the charges most signally favored in this respect, I may mention Cedarville, Catawba, Dialton, King's Creek, Mutual, New Carlisle, New Moorefield; Greene Street and Grace Church, Piqua; Central Church, Springfield; South Charleston Circuit, Yellow Springs; and Grace Church, Urbana. Without exception, I believe, the pastors have labored diligently and faithfully, many of them devoting many months to special evangelistic services; and while some have not gathered a large immediate harvest, not one of them has labored in vain.

Rev. Henry Miller, who entered upon his work at Tippecanoe City with his accustomed enthusiasm, and with flattering prospects of usefulness, was stricken down by sickness at the close of his revival-meeting in the spring, and for three or four months was wholly disabled for any active service. Although now measurably restored to health, Brother Miller will ask a furlough for one year, to try the effect of absolute rest upon his shattered and overworked system. I am sure the sympathies and prayers of his brethren will accompany this dear brother and his brave wife into their enforced temporary retirement. Rev. J. Rozell, an acceptable and generous local preacher of Tippecanoe, kindly took up the work of his pastor, and has faithfully performed it, without compensation, during the latter part of the year.

Of the twenty-eight charges in the district, all but two have parsonages. Several of these are model homes for a minister's family; many of

them are very comfortable, while a few need considerable improvement. It seems to me that the time has come when a general "forward movement" is demanded in the direction, not merely of providing parsonages, but also of furnishing them with all the heavy furniture requisite. Many of our charges pay more for "moving expenses," in the course of a few years, than it would cost to completely furnish a parsonage. Besides reducing the labor and losses of moving to a minimum, the furnished parsonage would, in the end, be in the line of economy. In every charge having a parsonage, a committee, usually of ladies, is appointed at the fourth Quarterly Conference to exercise a general supervision over this whole matter. Such committee could, with proper encouragement from Official Boards, furnish every parsonage in the Conference within the next two or three years.

The most notable event of the year, in the matter of church improvements, was the dedication, on Sunday, April 29th, of the new church in Mechanicsburg. This noble edifice is pronounced by the editor of the *Western Christian Advocate* to be "the neatest and handsomest church in Middle Ohio." The building is on one of the finest corner-lots in the town, and is 107 by 63 feet. The auditorium is fifty-four feet in diameter, with corners squared out for pulpit, tower, etc. A feature of the interior is the dome or lantern ceiling, which adds much to the beauty of the auditorium, and affords a splendid means of lighting the interior. The auditorium and Sunday-school room are easily thrown together by means of sliding doors, and thus about 900 persons can readily be brought face to face with the preacher. The exterior is Gothic in treatment, built of pressed buff brick, trimmed with stone. The entire cost of the building, including furnishing, was \$28,000, of which amount about \$7,000 remained to be provided for at the dedication. Drs. Payne and Moore preached to the delight of the people, and managed the collection so skillfully that the entire debt was more than provided for.

The Epworth League numbers thirty-seven chapters in the district, with 2,600 members, besides eight chapters of Juniors, with a membership of 700, making a total of 3,200 young people organized for Christian work. The annual district-meeting at Urbana, in October last, was the most enthusiastic and profitable convention yet held. Great preparations are now being made for the next district meeting, which will be held in Piqua, in October. There can be no doubt, I think, that this magnificent organization of young Methodism has fully justified the wisdom of its founders. It is proving itself to be a splendid training-school for young workers, and in many places its earnest and consecrated members are among the pastor's most efficient helpers in revival work. God bless the Epworth League!

During the past year, our district has been favored with visits from two of our Missionary Secretaries, Dr. McCabe giving us two Sabbaths, and Dr. Leonard one week, speaking daily. The addresses of these brethren greatly stimulated the missionary zeal of our people, and contributed not a little, we believe, to the gratifying increase in the collections of several of the charges. At Troy, including a special gift of \$500 from a generous layman, the collection will be nearly three times greater than the apportionment, while all the other apportionments are fully met, and some of them much more than met. This liberality is explained, in part, by the statement made in the pastor's last quarterly report, that the attendance at his prayer-meeting, by actual count, had averaged 140 during the entire year. Troy Circuit and Dalton Circuit each doubles, or nearly doubles, its apportionment for missions. While conceding to this great cause its rightful pre-eminence, we have urged fidelity on the part of pastors and people to all our great benevolent and educational boards. The Freedmen's Aid Society, the Church Extension Board, the Board of Education, and the Tract and Sunday-school Societies, each has its important and peculiar work, and its special claim to the liberal support of the Church.

During the year our congregations in Piqua have shown a most commendable spirit of enterprise in improving their church property. At Greene Street, Rev. F. G. Mitchell, D. D., pastor, the auditorium and lecture-room have been beautifully frescoed; a new pipe-organ replaces the old one, at a cost of \$1,800; the floor has been covered with an elegant body Brussels carpet; and a chandelier for gas and electricity put in, at a total cost, for these and some minor improvements, of \$3,500, all of which the ladies of the congregation undertake to provide for. The trustees have repainted the outside walls and the wood-work of the entire building, and will soon place a handsome cement sidewalk around both church and parsonage; and, in the very near future, pay the balance—\$1,000—of the parsonage debt. A cordial invitation will be presented, in due time, to the Conference to hold its next session in this church. At Grace Church, Rev. W. H. Wehrley pastor, the auditorium has been handsomely re-carpeted, lighted with electricity, and the whole edifice put in first-class condition. The past year has been one of the best in the history of this Church.

We held, this year, but one meeting of the District Ministerial Association. This meeting was held in Arcanum, in June, and was an occasion of rare interest and profit. About twenty of the brethren were present, and the papers, discussions, and sermons were of an unusually high order. The Association was very handsomely entertained by the good people of Arcanum, and a very favorable impression, we have reason to believe, was made upon the community by the meeting.

The organization of a fifth Church in Springfield is, at last, an accomplished fact. Some of the brethren in the overcrowded Central Church established a Sunday-school in an unoccupied Free-will Baptist Church, on Clifton Avenue, last spring, which has grown now into an organized Church, ready for a pastor. It starts off with every promise of success.

The camp-meeting near Urbana, in August, was one of great spiritual power. The number of permanent residents was the largest in several years, and there is every reason to believe that much good was accomplished. The labors of Rev. M. Swadener, as evangelist; of Miss Anna Cartwright, as leader of the Young People's meetings; and of Mrs. C. W. Barnes, as conductor of the children's meetings, were eminently successful and satisfactory. Bishop Weaver, Dr. C. H. Payne, Dr. A. B. Leonard, Chaplain McCabe, and others, preached notable and inspiring sermons. The old, historic Urbana Camp-ground retains its hold upon the hearts of the people.

One of my colleagues, in his report last year, called attention to the careless and unsatisfactory manner in which the Church records are usually kept. I have become so impressed with the importance of this subject that I can not refrain from calling attention to it once more. I would urge the pastors to give special attention to the selection of recording stewards; to see that they are provided with suitable books, and that they transcribe into these books the "minutes" of every Quarterly Conference. The real history of the local Church is found in these proceedings of the Quarterly Conference and of the Official Board; and yet so imperfectly are these kept, for the most part, that a satisfactory history of many of our Churches can never be written. It is to be hoped that some way may be found to bring about a speedy and marked improvement in the matter of keeping and preserving the records of the Church.

I have not deemed it necessary, in my report of the district, to give a detailed account of each separate charge. The statistical tables will sufficiently exhibit the results of the year's work, so far as that can be a matter of figures. I do wish to say, however, in closing, that a more earnest, faithful, and capable body of pastors can not be found, I believe, than those with whom it has been my privilege to labor during the past year. Their great and uniform kindness to me, personally, I have deeply felt and warmly appreciated. A pentecostal revival of pure religion and undefiled is the great need of the hour.

B. STATISTICS.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS' REPORT.

QUESTION 30—*What are the Claims on the Conference Funds?*

ANSWER. \$10,725 00

QUESTION 31—*What has been received on these Claims, and how has it been applied?*

RECEIPTS.

ANSWER—From Chartered Fund,	\$25 00
From Conference Trustees,	535 44
From Mears Fund,	134 45
From Book Concern,	1,402 00
From the charges,	6,072 40
From balance of last year,	42 53
Total	\$8,211 82

DISBURSEMENTS.

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Slew- ards . .	Amount paid . .	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIM- ANTS.
MINISTERS				
Rev. J. G. Black,	Self,	\$300 00	\$228 00	New Carlisle, O.
Rev. J. W. Cassatt, . . .	A. N. Spahr,	400 00	304 00	Greenville, O.
Rev. T. S. Cowden, . . .	Self,	300 00	228 00	Troy, O.
Rev. G. M. Edgar,	U. G. Humphrey,	150 00	114 00	Winchester, O.
Rev. S. W. Edmiston, . .	U. G. Humphrey,	75 00	57 00	Winchester, O.
Rev. G. W. Fee,	W. J. Baker,	350 00	266 00	Mt. Orab, O.
Rev. W. I. Fee,	Self,	400 00	304 00	Piqua, O.
Rev. T. E. Fidler,	J. G. Vaughan,	200 00	152 00	Urbana, O.
Rev. B. Glascock,	By mail,	25 00	19 00	Muncie, Ind.
Rev. J. L. Gregg,	By mail,	175 00	133 00	Manhattan, Kan.
Rev. A. M. Griffith, . . .	Self,	200 00	152 00	Sabina, O.
Rev. J. L. Groter,	By mail,	50 00	38 00	Columbus, O.
Rev. Wm. Herr,	Wm. A. Robinson,	400 00	304 00	Dayton, O.
Rev. J. F. Hull,	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Rolland, Ala.
Rev. F. W. Hypes,	By mail,	100 00	76 00	Owensville, O.
Rev. M. Kaufman,	W. G. Warner,	50 00	38 00	Springfield, O.
Rev. H. M. Keck,	Self,	200 00	152 00	Hamilton, O.
Rev. J. F. Loyd,	Self,	350 00	304 00	Delaware, O.
Rev. S. N. Marsh,	By mail,	225 00	171 00	Fresno, Cal.
Rev. W. T. McMullen, . .	By mail,	100 00	76 00	Owensville, O.
Rev. J. H. Middleton, . .	Self,	300 00	228 00	Sabina, O.
Rev. Adam Miller, M. D.	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Chicago, Ill.
Rev. Henry Miller,	Self,	250 00	190 00	Delaware, O.
Rev. W. J. Quarry,	By mail,	150 00	114 00	Felicity, O.
Rev. E. C. Smith,	C. L. Mackey,	300 00	228 00	Cleves, O.
Rev. H. Stocks,	Self,	150 00	114 00	Ripley, O.
Rev. J. I. Taggart,	H. W. Bailey,	75 00	57 00	Rainsboro, O.
Rev. J. Vance,	Self,	100 00	76 00	New Moorefield, O.
Rev. T. Wones,	W. G. Warner,	100 00	76 00	Springfield, O.
Rev. L. F. Young,	M. B. Fuller,	100 00	76 00	Georgetown, O.

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM DELIVERED.	Estimate of Stew- ards . .	Amount paid . .	POST-OFFICE OF CLAIM- ANTS.
WIDOWS.				
Mrs. M. G. Baker, . . .	D. C. Vance,	\$150 00	\$114 00	Xenia, O.
Mrs. J. P. Bishop, . . .	W. G. Warner,	100 00	76 00	Springfield, O.
Mrs. S. A. Brewster, . .	W. G. Warner,	300 00	228 00	Springfield, O.
Mrs. D. Callahan, . . .	M. B. Fuller,	150 00	114 00	Georgetown, O.
Mrs. S. F. Conrey, . . .	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Syracuse, N. Y.
Mrs. G. C. Crum,	C. T. Crum,	225 00	171 00	Xenia, O.
Mrs. H. M. Curry, . . .	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Hartwell, O.
Mrs. J. W. Fowble, . . .	John Vance,	150 00	114 00	New Moorefield, O.
Mrs. W. H. Fyffe, . . .	By mail,	200 00	152 00	Batavia, O.
Mrs. Jessie Hall, . . .	J. S. Whitney,	150 00	114 00	Newport, Ky.
Mrs. J. J. Hill,	J. P. Porter,	225 00	171 00	Lebanon, O.
Mrs. W. E. Hines, . . .	G. M. Fulton,	200 00	152 00	Williamsburg, O.
Mrs. J. N. Irvin,	L. E. Prentiss,	250 00	190 00	Columbus, O.
Mrs. C. Kalbfus,	C. H. Kalbfus,	100 00	76 00	Frostburg, Md.
Mrs. G. H. Kennedy, . .	Henry Miller,	250 00	190 00	Tippicanoe City, O.
Mrs. C. R. Lovell, . . .	By mail,	250 00	190 00	Hamilton, O.
Mrs. N. McDonald, . . .	G. M. Warner,	200 00	152 00	Springfield, O.
Mrs. Wm. Morrow, . .	By mail,	150 00	114 00	Washington, D. C.
Mrs. A. Musgrove, . . .	J. L. Dalbey,	150 00	114 00	Christiansburg, O.
Mrs. Joseph Newson, . .	J. G. Black,	250 00	190 00	New Carlisle, O.
Mrs. John Shinn,	W. A. Robinson,	150 00	114 00	Marysville, O.
Mrs. J. W. Stone,	By mail,	25 00	19 00	Waverly, Iowa.
Mrs. A. W. Tibbitts, . .	Wm. Runyan,	200 00	152 00	Jamestown, O.
Mrs. L. F. Van Cleve, . .	V. F. Brown,	100 00	76 00	Troy, O.
Mrs. E. G. West,	G. W. Dubois,	200 00	152 00	Urbana, O.
Mrs. A. U. Beall,	J. A. White,	100 00	76 00	Monroe, O.
Mrs. G. W. Kelley, . . .	By mail,	75 00	57 00	Richmond, Ind.
Publication of Minutes (net),			5 00	
Stationary (net),			2 00	
Balance in hands of Treasurer,			53 82	
Total disbursements,			\$8211 82	

M. LESOURD, *Secretary.*
T. COLLETT, *Treasurer.*
J. E. H. SENTMAN,
R. K. DEEM,
J. F. MCCOLM,

E. BURDSALL, *Chairman.*
D. C. VANCE,
A. D. MADDOX,
J. G. VAUGHAN,
J. L. SHIVELY.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER.

THE statistical table, page 352, shows the amounts, by districts, paid me for the various benevolent causes. The reports, in detail from the charges, given in the statistical tables, pages 364-370, have been carefully compared with the Treasurer's receipts, as required by the Discipline, ¶ 82, ¶ 7, and are correct. The cash receipts, amounting to \$26,974.42, have been distributed as follows:

To Cranston & Curts,	\$21,984 00
To Conference Stewards,	4,933 00
To American University,	49 00
To Publishing Committee, fractional dollars,	8 42

Total, \$26,974 42

The vouchers for these sums are in my hands.

C. W. ELLIOTT, *Conference Treasurer.*

WILMINGTON, O., September 10, 1894.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER, 1894.

	Cincinnati District.			Dayton District.			Georgetown District.			Hillsboro District.			Springfield District.			TOTAL.		Grand Total . . .
	Cash . . .	Voucher.	Total . .	Cash . . .	Voucher.	Total . .	Cash . . .	Voucher.	Total . .	Cash . . .	Voucher.	Total . .	Cash . . .	Voucher.	Total . .	Cash . . .	Voucher.	
For Missions,	\$2,746	\$3,794	\$6,540	\$3,094	\$948	\$4,042	\$1,458	\$507	\$1,965	\$3,348	\$324	\$3,672	\$4,279	\$2,037	\$6,316	\$14,925	\$7,610	\$22,535
For Church Extension,	504	686	1,190	276	144	420	188	47	235	361	37	398	372	150	522	1,701	1,064	2,765
For Sunday-school Union,	79	99	178	60	14	74	44	11	55	68	8	76	48	14	62	299	146	445
For Tract Cause,	78	88	166	49	13	62	39	11	50	63	8	71	47	15	62	276	135	411
For Freedmen's Aid and S. Ed. Soc.,	436	1,104	1,540	281	126	407	218	68	286	356	12	368	434	148	582	1,725	1,458	3,183
For Education: Children,	107	196	303	81	95	176	72	67	139	127	82	209	94	407	501	481	847	1,328
Other Causes,	100	89	189	69	24	93	26	1,040	1,066	59	19	78	46	43	89	300	1,215	1,515
For American Bible Society,	89	161	250	49	43	92	23	7	30	21	103	124	44	130	174	226	444	670
For W. F. M. Society,	1	5,656	5,657	2	1,214	1,216	3	333	336	15	765	780	32	1,340	1,372	53	9,308	9,361
For W. H. M. Society,	18	5,370	5,388	13	1,400	1,413	14	67	81	28	322	350	4	1,747	1,751	77	8,906	8,983
For Episcopal Fund,	485	106	591	322	29	351	166	28	194	263	10	273	315	40	355	1,551	213	1,764
For Conference Claimants,	1,411	819	2,230	1,108	8	1,116	555	54	609	894	.....	894	965	257	1,222	4,933	1,138	6,071
For General Conference Expenses, .	3	.....	3	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	6	.....	6
For Other Collections,	43	6,246	6,289	.....	3,000	3,000	5	23	28	.....	88	88	1	965	966	49	10,322	10,371
For Cincinnati Church Extension, .	81	.....	81	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	81	.....	81
For Deaconess-work,	90	2,659	2,749	45	206	341	10	230	249	55	233	288	74	501	575	283	3,919	4,202
Totals by Districts,	6,271	27,073	33,344	5,451	7,351	12,805	2,830	2,493	5,323	5,658	2,011	7,669	6,756	7,794	14,550	26,964	46,725	73,689
Special donation from Eaton for F. A. and S. Ed. So.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,100
Bequest from estate of Matthew Verity to missions.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100
Grand Total, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75,891

GENERAL STATISTICS, No. I.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY, WM. J. BAKER, Summerside, Clermont Co., Ohio.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.			SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preb. Members.	Deaths.	Children Bapt.	Adults Bapt.	Schools.	Omrs & T'rs.	Scholars of all ages.	Churches.	Probable Val.	Parsonages.	Probable Val.	Paid for build & impr v. Chrs. & Parsonages.	Paid on old indebtedness on Ch. Property.	Present indebtedness on Ch. Property.
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																
Avondale.....	2	193	...	...	6	1	1	21	140	1	\$30,000	...	...	\$250	\$1,000	\$2,767
Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge	14	144	1	...	1	7	2	37	160	12	8,000	...	...	291	250	694
Carthage and Elmwood Place.	24	250	...	4	4	4	2	58	440	12	9,500	...	...	...	336	160
Cheviot.....	...	105	2	...	2	1	1	28	130	1	3,500	1	\$3,000	...	...	...
Cincinnati: Asbury.....	19	258	...	4	2	...	2	35	375	1	15,000	1	3,500	350	...	...
Camp Washington.....	18	130	...	...	3	4	1	16	210	1	6,000	...	...	18	...	...
Christie.....	14	319	2	...	9	10	1	23	220	1	20,000	1	7,700	...	...	...
Church Extension Society...	190	129	...	10	35	40	3	50	400	4	29,000	...	...	236	...	15,269
Columbia.....	12	226	1	6	7	59	1	22	315	1	11,000	1	3,000	6,889	...	3,458
Cumminsville.....	22	276	...	6	7	9	1	30	260	1	30,000	...	...	4,150	...	11,600
Fairmount.....	30	210	...	4	9	15	1	33	184	1	6,000	1	4,000	339	...	...
Finley.....	12	180	1	...	15	6	1	30	225	1	13,000	...	...	300	...	...
McKendree.....	101	401	1	...	60	77	1	42	316	1	16,000	...	...	165	...	...
Mount Auburn.....	4	109	1	3	2	4	1	14	100	1	30,000	...	...	4,500	4,000	...
Mount Lookout.....	47	193	1	2	12	7	1	21	160	1	5,000	1	2,500	100	...	...
North Fairmount.....	...	14	...	1	1	...	1	13	150	1	3,500	...	...	357	2,500	...
Pearl Street.....	6	110	...	3	8	5	1	12	100	1	11,000	1	4,000	...	...	100
Pendleton.....	23	210	1	5	22	14	1	27	233	1	12,000	...	...	116	...	...
Price Hill.....	11	85	...	2	7	...	1	19	135	1	14,000	...	...	452	...	...
St. John.....	23	101	...	1	6	5	1	15	160	1	15,000	...	...	40	...	...
St. Paul.....	41	477	1	9	13	6	1	27	323	1	115,000	1	20,000	700	...	...
Trinity.....	103	352	2	4	20	10	1	25	390	1	75,000	...	...	...	...	...
Walnut Hills.....	25	524	3	4	13	8	1	33	265	1	60,000	1	15,000	...	...	...
Wesley.....	49	387	2	1	13	18	1	55	332	1	70,000	1	10,000	...	...	...
York Street.....	18	262	1	3	17	7	1	29	230	1	16,000	...	...	160	...	...
Cleves and Addyston.....	5	145	...	1	...	...	2	24	227	2	8,150	...	...	101	391	806
Clifton.....	4	46	...	4	...	...	1	12	36	1	42,000	...	...	360	...	6,000
Delhi.....	6	120	1	1	...	6	1	20	140	1	4,000	...	...	237	...	...
Groesbeck.....	4	145	1	2	1	11	2	23	120	2	4,500	...	...	...	...	...
Hartwell.....	6	248	2	2	12	4	1	22	242	1	14,000	1	3,500	25	480	2,650
Harrison.....	4	161	1	1	11	2	1	12	120	1	18,000	1	2,000	53	425	145
Ivanhoe.....	2	94	...	1	1	...	1	19	144	1	4,500	...	...	...	...	...
Lockland-Wyoming.....	8	240	...	8	9	9	1	23	145	1	35,000	1	6,000	147	...	...
Loveland.....	...	173	1	2	...	...	3	31	188	3	4,600	...	...	15	...	...
Madisonville.....	14	420	1	5	20	...	1	28	225	1	22,000	1	4,000	...	71	2,595
Miami.....	11	230	...	2	3	6	4	29	200	4	5,500	...	...	100	...	...
Newtown.....	38	427	...	5	10	33	5	66	433	4	7,000	1	2,500	825	130	400
Norwood.....	3	145	1	3	4	1	1	16	140	1	5,000	...	...	566	...	...
Riverside.....	10	160	1	1	5	2	2	19	150	2	5,000	...	...	15	60	2,000
Winton Place.....	1	147	1	1	7	4	1	21	160	1	15,300	1	10,700	130	807	2,073
Totals.....	924	8,546	28	121	377	395	57	1080	8,426	57	\$808050	16	101400	17,753	9,066	59,117
DAYTON DISTRICT.																
Camden and Summerville.....	13	285	...	5	9	23	3	47	280	3	9,000	1	1,500	100	...	...
Centerville.....	3	412	...	4	14	4	3	36	360	3	12,000	1	1,500	300	...	...
Concord (Vandalia).....	47	222	1	4	...	...	4	44	308	4	6,500	1	500	700	...	...
Dayton: Broadway.....	18	725	1	10	12	37	1	53	491	1	15,000	1	3,000	50	400	1,800
Carrollton & Homestead Av.	44	183	...	3	17	36	2	40	275	2	3,000	...	...	57	...	...
Grace.....	16	701	1	6	5	6	2	49	430	1	75,000	1	10,000	2,700	...	2,400
Raper.....	40	820	2	17	18	39	1	49	606	1	27,000	1	3,000	535	...	...
St. Paul.....	19	721	2	4	16	23	1	49	665	1	30,000	...	...	100	...	700
Trinity.....	28	235	3	1	5	7	1	41	347	1	14,000	1	3,200	41	294	4,500
Eaton.....	30	430	1	10	3	71	1	28	283	1	30,000	1	3,000	90	...	...
Fair Haven.....	37	257	...	3	18	72	2	31	250	2	3,000	1	800	100	...	...
Franklin.....	7	356	...	9	5	...	1	20	231	1	20,000	1	3,000	340	...	125
Germantown.....	6	151	...	1	1	...	1	19	130	1	4,000	...	...	...	...	...
Glendale and Sharonville.....	21	118	1	4	8	14	2	22	83	2	6,500	...	...	...	...	...
Gordon.....	4	135	1	2	5	6	2	25	330	4	2,500	1	450	140	16	...
Hamilton.....	17	548	...	4	12	10	1	47	500	1	45,000	1	5,000	35,000	...	...
Lewisburg.....	9	182	1	3	4	4	3	49	243	3	5,700	1	1,200	290	300	150
Miamisburg.....	12	258	1	3	10	6	1	29	276	1	8,000	2	4,000	282	1,200	400
Middletown.....	53	629	1	4	14	21	1	33	430	1	40,000	1	3,500	3,100	6,400	...
New Paris.....	15	280	3	1	...	10	3	60	200	5	6,000	1	500	136	...	...
Osborn.....	33	237	...	4	5	24	4	55	325	4	1,300	...	...	290	...	...
Oxford.....	3	322	2	4	3	4	1	21	175	1	25,000	1	2,500	250	...	...
Port Union (Stockton).....	13	102	...	...	9	3	...	30	170	3	6,000	1	2,500	...	...	...
Red Lion.....	3	131	...	...	5	2	1	10	60	1	5,000	1	1,500	53	...	...
Seven Mile.....	12	223	2	4	2	2	1	25	150	2	10,000	1	1,500	200	...	...
Springboro.....	10	121	...	2	...	1	1	14	75	1	2,000	1	1,000	10	...	...
Venice (Ross P. O.).....	8	200	...	3	...	6	4	30	200	4	10,000	1	1,000	...	...	...
Walker & Union (Reilly P. O.)	8	130	...	2	3	...	2	20	93	2	5,000	...	...	53	...	...
West Alexandria.....	1	150	...	1	...	1	1	26	150	1	3,500	...	...	72	...	...

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPT.		SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.						
	Probationers..	Full Members.	Local Pr. pers.	Deaths	Children Bp.d.	Adults Bap.d.	Schools.....	Offrs & Thrs.	Scholars of all ages.....	Churches.....	Probable Val.	Parsonages.....	Probable Val.	Pd. for build. & imp'v. Chrs. and Para.....	P'd. on old in-debtedness on Ch. Property.	Present in-debtedness on Ch. Property.
West Chester.....		125	4	4	1	3	2	34	150	2	\$1,500	2	\$1,000	\$30		
West Elkton.....	63	165	4	3	12	3	3	25	150	5	3,000			10		
Total.....	499	9,536	27	125	214	464	59	1051	8,116	65	434,500	25	55,150	41,790	\$5,446	16,475
GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.																
Aberdeen.....	4	394	1	1	1	78	4	61	200	4	5,900	1	1,200	120		\$255
Amelia.....	24	425	1	7	1	11	3	42	258	4	6,000	1	1,500	75		
Batavia.....	1	220	1	1	7	...	1	23	206	1	10,000	1	1,500		230	
Bethel.....	47	309	1	3	4	...	5	58	338	4	5,000	1	600	200		
Blue Creek.....	(10)	(302)	1	(2)	(6)	(28)	2	(18)	(106)	4	(2,400)					
Butlerville.....		278	...	...	...	...	1	55	225	4	4,000	...		111		
Centenary.....	5	285	2	4	4	22	5	58	300	5	8,000	...		1,900		113
Chilo.....	28	318	2	2	1	12	4	52	320	4	6,000	lot	125	21		
Decatur.....	2	310	1	4	5	2	4	59	250	4	7,000	1	500			
Feesburg.....	8	213	1	6	3	14	4	56	220	4	4,000	1	1,100	20		213
Felicity.....	4	310	1	5	...	26	2	35	250	2	5,000	1	1,000	150		
Georgetown.....	16	386	...	4	...	39	3	37	265	3	7,000	1	700	150		
Goshen.....	8	367	...	1	9	...	3	43	200	3	5,500	1	1,000			
Jacksonville.....	55	373	3	4	56	...	4	42	565	4	2,000	1	300	50		5
Laurel.....	18	508	...	4	...	86	4	60	335	4	6,000	1	500	182		
Lebanon.....	4	340	3	6	...	6	1	27	320	1	14,000	1	3,000	28		1,950
Maineville.....	9	191	5	4	2	...	2	32	205	2	4,000	1	1,000	50		
Manchester.....	7	450	...	6	...	4	3	38	320	3	7,500	1	1,200	325		
Marathon.....	25	428	3	2	2	22	5	62	300	5	4,850	1	300	50		
Milford.....	2	230	...	4	8	2	1	20	250	1	6,500	1	2,500	700		
Moscow.....	22	312	2	9	7	16	4	58	277	4	11,700	...		200	1,505	
Mount Orab.....	...	352	3	5	2	12	4	54	412	4	5,800	1	600	30		
Mount Washington.....	9	166	1	2	6	12	2	27	197	2	9,675	...		21		
New Richmond.....	9	260	...	4	2	8	1	29	180	1	5,000	1	1,000	1,400	50	600
Owensville and Newtonville	6	450	1	10	7	3	4	56	400	4	8,200	1	1,800	40	100	
Ripley.....	2	280	1	5	4	...	1	22	200	1	20,000	1	2,000	50		
Summerside.....	10	285	1	4	7	15	4	50	300	4	7,500	1	1,500	100		
West Union.....	10	375	2	3	3	10	3	40	201	4	3,500	1	1,000	58	115	
Williamsburg.....	5	275	3	...	10	15	1	23	137	1	4,000	1	1,850	150		100
Williamsburg Circuit.....	15	436	1	2	...	8	5	65	275	5	5,000	...		300		
Winchester.....	20	476	1	6	8	126	4	35	465	4	6,300	1	800	135		220
Total.....	385	10304	33	121	167	546	97	1357	8,537	110	217,325	24	28,575	\$6,376	\$630	\$5,056
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																
Belfast.....	12	623	1	9	8	31	6	70	357	6	6,052	1	1,000			635
Bethany.....	19	183	1	8	2	3	1	20	80	2	5,000	1	1,200	185		
Blanchester.....	75	285	1	1	4	9	3	35	350	3	7,500	1	1,500	136	210	1,300
Bowersville.....	8	256	1	3	3	9	3	31	197	4	5,350	1	800	1,150		
Clarksville.....	10	192	...	3	4	...	3	36	200	4	7,050	1	1,000			
Greenfield.....	125	885	1	14	14	99	1	32	650	1	12,000	1	2,500	25		
Hillsboro.....	15	628	1	14	6	18	1	33	375	1	12,000	1	3,000	700		
Hillsboro Circuit.....	47	420	1	4	...	39	5	50	322	6	8,000	...		150		24
Jamestown.....	...	297	...	3	...	2	1	19	165	1	12,000	1	2,000	235		
Lebanon Circuit.....	15	95	1	3	...	2	3	17	100	4	1,200	...		275		75
Leesburg.....	40	382	2	5	4	41	3	52	400	3	8,500	1	1,800			
Lynchburg.....	1	320	1	...	...	3	3	35	250	3	5,000	1	1,500	900		300
Martinsville.....	54	181	...	6	...	...	3	26	125	4	3,200	1	325	200		31
Mason.....	8	200	...	1	4	...	3	31	245	3	5,800	1	3,500	700		800
Monroe.....	11	182	...	4	2	3	2	26	150	2	9,500	1	2,000	300		
Montgomery.....	7	105	2	1	6	...	3	27	132	3	7,000	...				
Morrow.....	10	212	1	3	...	6	1	24	135	1	3,500	1	1,500			
New Burlington.....	41	462	2	8	2	48	4	58	287	4	6,600	1	1,800	268		
New Jasper.....	4	295	...	1	4	2	3	40	220	3	7,500	1	1,600	300		
New Vienna and Lexington	40	328	1	4	...	6	2	42	245	2	9,500	1	2,000	93	280	575
Rainsboro.....	6	350	1	2	1	10	4	62	400	4	12,000	1	1,200	30	100	
Sabina.....	28	294	1	5	1	42	2	44	282	2	14,000	1	1,325	7,000		700
Sinking Spring.....	9	361	2	7	...	6	5	48	300	4	2,900	1	800	25		25
South Lebanon.....	24	139	...	1	8	9	1	14	100	1	3,500	...		42		20
Sugar Tree Ridge.....	5	355	3	11	1	7	5	40	255	6	3,500	1	200	75		
Union.....	5	296	1	5	...	1	5	61	292	5	5,800	1	1,100	221		
Waynesville.....	4	223	...	2	...	2	2	26	175	2	6,300	1	2,000	40		
Wilington.....	24	291	...	9	1	15	1	22	130	1	12,000	1	2,500	1,500		
Xenia: First Church.....	352	533	2	4	10	100	1	33	566	1	20,000	1	5,000			
Trinity.....	74	296	...	1	13	77	1	24	160	1	20,000	1	5,000	20		
Total.....	1073	9,672	27	133	98	590	51	1098	7,645	87	242,252	26	48,150	\$13,840	\$1,290	\$4,555
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.																
Arcanum.....	3	184	2	3	...	2	2	35	280	2	5,500	1	2,000	20	200	120
Brandt.....	6	168	...	3	...	7	3	35	230	4	3,800	1	1,000	175		
Catawba.....	25	445	...	9	11	15	4	69	362	4	11,400	1	1,500	1,270	40	400
Cedarville.....	42	470	...	10	14	35	2	30	241	2	4,000	1	2,100	250		
Christiansburg.....	10	213	2	5	...	3	4	57	271	4	7,000	1	850	112	70	10

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.			BAPT.	S. SCHOOLS			CHURCH PROPERTY.								
	Probationers....	Full Members...	Deaths.....	Children Bapt'd.	Adults Bapt'd...	Schools.....	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.....	Churches.....	Probable Value..	Parsonages	Probable Value..	Paid for Build. & Improv. Churcs and Parsonages	Paid on old indebtedness on Chch property.....	Present Indebtedness on Chch property.....	
Covington.....	2	148	1	2	9	2	27	130	2	\$4,500	...	\$2,000	\$400	.....	\$90
Dialton.....	24	300	3	28	24	4	67	434	4	8,800	1	1,200	25	\$140	.....
Greenville.....	15	292	1	2	1	1	30	225	4	8,000	1	3,000	75	.....	.....
King's Creek	25	200	1	6	3	11	4	43	250	4	3,000	1,000	200	25	.....
Mechanicsburg.....	36	393	8	...	...	1	27	259	1	28,000	1	3,000	28,000	.....	.....
Mutual.....	13	315	...	2	2	41	4	66	300	4	5,800	1,000	25	.....	.....
New Carlisle.....	4	340	1	4	1	16	2	37	393	2	12,000	1,200	.....	175	225
New Moorefield.....	50	314	...	4	2	27	4	40	275	4	13,000	1,250	350	.....	.....
Piqua: Grace.....	102	329	...	...	8	31	1	33	388	1	6,000	2,000	630	.....	250
Greene Street.....	24	632	3	11	16	26	1	35	325	1	26,500	6,000	2,500	.....	1,000
South Charleston.....	125	306	...	2	7	...	1	20	130	2	13,000	1	3,000	200	.....
South Charleston Circuit.....	102	386	...	5	12	52	6	75	290	5	6,000	.....	140	.....	240
Springfield: Central.....	46	1,006	...	7	58	32	1	76	549	1	20,000	1	10,000	640	1,500
Grace.....	20	130	...	4	5	...	1	10	110	1	3,500	.....	60	.....	.....
High Street.....	20	350	...	1	8	5	1	28	215	1	30,000	1	15,000	.....	1,500
St. Paul.....	14	607	...	4	12	5	1	38	400	1	50,000	1	5,000	950	3,000	3,000
Tippecanoe and Milton.....	10	245	2	3	6	4	2	52	280	2	7,000	1	1,500	50	.....
Tremont City.....	29	415	...	1	1	10	4	60	488	4	22,000	1	1,100	230	342
Troy.....	24	576	3	5	15	9	1	40	350	1	12,000	1	5,000	.....	309
Troy Circuit.....	3	246	...	2	...	8	3	49	210	3	6,000	1	2,000	1,180	.....
Urbana: First Church.....	7	544	2	10	6	27	1	28	255	1	20,000	1	4,000	225	.....
Grace.....	10	400	3	7	8	10	1	33	275	1	25,000	1	4,000	150	200
Yellow Springs.....	6	342	2	3	15	26	3	50	285	3	3,500	1	1,200	180	.....
Total.....	797	10,296	27	126	220	435	65	1190	8,200	66	365,300	26	80,900	37,397	4,832	8,644

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

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STATISTICS NO. II, BY DISTRICTS.

STATISTICAL SECRETARY, WM. J. BAKER, Summerside, Clermont County, Ohio.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.												
	No. of Schools. . .	No. of Officers. .	No. of Teachers. .	Total Officers and Teachers.	NO. OF SCHOLARS.			Average Attendance.	No. of Library-books.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Scholars who are Church Members or Probationers.	No. of Conversions in Sunday-school this Year.	Current Expenses: Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.
					Primary Grade.	All Others.	Total Scholars.						
Cincinnati,	57	387	693	1,080	2,697	5,129	8,426	5,941	8,797	992	1,603	802	\$4,587
Dayton,	59	385	676	1,051	2,093	6,294	8,116	5,780	3,197	1,163	3,020	552	3,191
Georgetown,	97	611	746	1,357	2,614	5,923	8,537	5,586	3,201	1,266	4,075	670	2,357
Hillsboro,	81	413	685	1,098	1,932	5,713	7,645	5,454	1,848	1,084	3,550	764	2,632
Springfield,	65	453	737	1,190	1,142	6,268	8,201	5,110	6,011	1,124	4,135	725	3,364
Totals,	359	2249	3,537	5,776	10,478	29,927	40,925	27,871	23,054	5,629	16,383	3,513	\$16,131
Totals for 1893,	366	2,293	3,457	5,740	10,925	28,230	39,595	26,323	23,630	5,247	15,710	2,650	15,543
Increase, . . . . .	.....	.....	80	36	.....	697	330	1,448	.....	382	673	863	\$588
Decrease,	7	44	.....	.....	447	.....	.....	.....	576	.....	.....	.....	.....

STATISTICS, NO. III.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPORT OF PRES'G ELDERS.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.		Conference Claims-ants.	CURRENT EXPENSES.			
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Am't Ap-portioned.	Amount Paid. . . .	Amount Paid. . . .		Church: Sex-ton, Light, Fuel, etc. .	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.		
		Salary. .	House Rent. .	Total. .	Salary. .	House Rent. .	Total. .									
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																
Avondale,	J. W. Peters,	\$1800	\$360	\$2160	\$1800	\$360	\$2160	.....	\$158	\$158	\$49	\$49	\$184	\$4000	\$75
Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge,	Chas. E. Schenk, . . .	800	.....	800	800	.....	800	.....	50	50	14	14	45	268	85
Carthage and Elmwood Place,	F. M. Kirgan,	750	.....	750	710	.....	710	40	50	50	12	10	25	290	125
Cheviot,	A. U. Beall,	860	200	1060	909	200	1109	Ex. 49	50	50	..	..	173	125	35
Cincinnati: Asbury,	C. W. Rishell,	1200	400	1600	1200	400	1600	.....	66	66	18	18	53	500	225
6 Camp Washington,	I. Verity,	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	24	24	..	2	15	166	167
Christie,	C. L. Conger,	1300	600	1900	1300	600	1900	.....	80	80	15	10	48	656	78
Church Extension Society, .	M. Swadener, Supt.,	2000	500	2500	2000	500	2500	.....	24	24	..	..	.....	1356	150
Columbia,	S. G. Pollard,	1000	.....	1000	1000	.....	1000	.....	30	30	..	2	35	200	100
Cumminsville,	Creighton Wones, . .	1300	.....	1300	1300	.....	1300	.....	30	30	5	5	30	218	92
Fairmount,	W. H. Sutherland, . .	800	240	1040	800	240	1040	.....	35	35	10	10	15	180	188
Finley,	G. Roughton,	700	.....	700	700	.....	700	.....	20	20	6	6	20	325	125
McKendree,	E. McHugh,	1200	.....	1200	1200	.....	1200	.....	35	35	10	10	30	278	100
Mt. Auburn,	R. H. Rust,	1200	360	1560	1200	360	1560	.....	90	90	26	26	106	900	150
Mt. Lookout,	J. H. Lease,	1050	250	1300	1050	250	1300	.....	60	60	14	14	50	450	75
North Fairmount,	W. K. Brown,	605	.....	605	605	.....	605	.....	.....	.....	..	..	.....	75	40
Pearl Street,	D. J. Starr,	600	200	800	600	200	800	.....	28	28	8	5	5	120	80
Pendleton,	Henry Hershey, . . .	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	30	30	9	5	20	175	82
Price Hill,	A. C. Turrell,	1034	.....	1034	1034	.....	1034	.....	28	28	8	6	10	400	137
St. John,	Eugene S. Gaddis, . .	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	28	28	8	2	25	284	66
St. Paul,	G. K. Morris,	2500	1400	3900	2500	1400	3900	.....	225	225	70	70	130	3193	264
Trinity,	E. S. Lewis,	2000	435	2435	2000	435	2435	.....	150	150	43	43	100	1786	227
Walnut Hills,	S. McChesney,	2500	1000	3500	2500	1000	3500	.....	268	268	80	80	250	842	160
Wesley,	J. W. Magruder, . . .	1000	500	1500	1176	500	1676	Ex. 176	90	90	26	26	128	833	431	

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPPORT OF PRES'G ELDERS.	SUP- PORT OF BISHOPS		Conference Claim- ants	CURRENT EXPENSES.		
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.		Amount Paid. . . .	Amount Paid. . . .		Church: Sex- ton, Light, Fuel, etc.	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.	
		Salary. .	House Rent. .	Total. .	Salary. .	House Rent. .	Total. .								
York Street,	A. B. Austin,	\$1000	.....	\$1000	\$1000	.....	\$1000	.....	\$64	\$64	\$19	\$19	\$41	\$325	\$100
Cleves and Addyston,	C. L. Mackey,	700	.....	700	668	.....	668	\$32	28	28	8	...	3	178	90
Clifton,	H. D. Ketcham,	1200	\$420	1620	1200	\$420	1620	.....	40	40	12	12	50	900	15
Delhi,	{ L. F. Young, (9mo.) { G. P. Austin, (3mo.)	900	.....	900	900	.....	900	.....	44	44	8	8	50	211	108
Groesbeck,	W. L. Y. Davis,	575	.....	575	575	.....	575	.....	30	30	1	...	1	65	30
Hartwell,	H. A. M. Henderson, .	1300	350	1650	1300	350	1650	.....	100	100	29	29	80	360	156
Harrison,	G. L. Tufts,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	50	50	14	2	5	140	76
Ivanhoe,	D. W. C. Washburn, .	900	.....	900	900	.....	900	.....	32	32	9	9	17	150	75
Lockland-Wyoming,	Adam Bowers,	1500	350	1850	1500	350	1850	.....	125	125	25	25	139	866	75
Loveland,	J. W. Hickman,	625	.....	625	525	.....	525	100	40	40	11	11	5	110	60
Madisonville,	D. L. Aultman,	1400	285	1685	1400	285	1685	.....	125	125	36	36	167	726	157
Miami,	J. W. Lucas,	675	.....	675	650	.....	650	25	28	28	8	1	5	100	40
Newtown,	A. T. Cowgill,	600	150	750	700	150	850	Ex. 100	50	50	10	10	40	294	80
Norwood,	G. V. Morris,	800	.....	800	878	.....	878	Ex. 78	20	20	...	...	25	160	76
Riverside,	Charles Hartley, . . .	800	.....	800	800	.....	800	.....	15	15	4	...	5	240	60
Winton Place,	Sylvester Weeks, . . .	1000	500	1500	1000	500	1500	.....	60	60	17	17	100	511	132
Totals,		42574	8600	51174	42680	8600	51280	Ex. 106	2500	2500	656	591	2230	22956	4587
DAYTON DISTRICT.															
Camden and Summerville, . .	J. T. Bail,	750	120	870	750	120	870	.....	64	64	10	4	15	170	90
Centerville,	J. W. Gaddis,	800	120	920	815	120	935	Ex. 15	72	72	18	18	31	260	100
Concord,	J. P. Nine,	505	33	538	505	33	538	.....	37	37	8	8	14	145	110
Dayton: Broadway,	F. M. Clemans,	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150	.....	85	85	19	19	30	375	140
Carrollton and Homestead Ave.,	G. W. Vorhis,	572	.....	572	617	.....	617	Ex. 45	24	24	4	4	40	135	140
Grace,	W. A. Robinson, . . .	2400	600	3000	3000	600	2400	.....	210	210	44	44	200	1010	200

Raper,	L. E. Prentiss, . . .	1600	300	1900	1600	300	1900	.....	140	140	30	30	128	1177	174
St. Paul,	E. Burdsall,	1500	240	1740	1500	240	1740	.....	128	128	27	27	110	650	208
Trinity,	J. S. Pumphrey, . . .	680	120	800	680	120	800	.....	59	59	12	...	5	204	234
Eaton,	J. L. Shively,	1000	200	1200	1050	200	1250	Ex. 50	88	88	18	18	80	420	93
Fair Haven,	W. M. Coffman, . . .	485	50	535	500	50	550	Ex. 15	40	40	8	8	39	150	55
Franklin,	C. H. Haines,	900	120	1020	900	120	1020	.....	75	75	16	16	35	300	100
Germantown,	W. A. Deaton,	700	.....	700	700	.....	700	.....	37	37	10	5	10	75	61
Glendale and Sharonville,	C. W. Horn,	525	.....	525	600	.....	600	Ex. 75	40	40	9	3	10	180	30
Gordon,	J. McK Shultz,	530	50	580	530	50	580	.....	39	39	8	8	20	.....	100
Hamilton,	C. W. Gullette,	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	.....	132	132	25	25	39	800	150
Lewisburg,	G. L. Travis,	500	75	575	463	75	538	37	37	36	8	8	18	95	84
Miamisburg,	M. E. Ketcham,	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	88	88	22	20	60	219	128
Middletown,	S. O. Royal,	1500	150	1650	1217	150	1367	283	125	93	22	15	41	429	141
New Paris,	W. M. West,	650	48	698	558	48	606	92	52	39	8	..	10	200	80
Osborn,	D. A. McCole,	600	120	720	583	120	703	17	48	48	10	8	15	165	100
Oxford,	E. H. Cherington, . . .	1100	200	1300	1100	200	1300	.....	96	96	20	20	70	300	125
Port Union,	J. Stephenson,	700	125	825	650	125	775	50	60	55	9	1	9	180	65
Red Lion,	{ W. C. F. Lippert, . . . { J. W. Patton, (8 mo)	250	25	275	250	25	275	.....	40	40	...	...	20	100	11
Seven Mile,	A. Hamilton,	800	100	900	800	100	900	.....	66	66	12	12	20	150	70
Springboro,	C. F. Enyart,	500	50	550	500	50	550	.....	43	43	9	6	5	100	50
Venice,	Thos. Cundy,	500	75	575	500	75	575	.....	43	43	9	5	8	150	125
Walker and Union,	C. H. Kalbfus,	500	.....	500	500	.....	500	.....	40	40	8	5	16	75	14
West Alexandria,	David Herr,	440	60	500	440	60	500	.....	37	37	8	8	12	99	73
West Chester,	(M. F. Hawley),	500	100	600	500	100	600	.....	44	44	...	3	2	100	40
West Elkton,	(W. R. Buckles), . . .	340	.....	340	350	.....	350	Ex. 10	23	23	...	3	4	100	100
Totals,		25327	3731	29058	25058	3731	28789	269	2112	2061	411	351	1116	8513	3191
GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.															
Aberdeen,	(T. W. Williamson), . . .	600	100	700	588	100	688	12	66	50	10	8	6	100	60
Amelia,	W. P. Jackson,	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	66	66	10	10	15	215	85
Batavia,	I. C. Page,	800	120	920	800	120	920	.....	66	66	10	10	45	289	70
Bethel,	W. C. Mitchell,	500	60	560	452	60	512	48	50	45	5	3	12	139	44
Blue Creek,	(H. O. Collins),	225	.....	225	190	.....	190	35	25	25	...	...	.....	.....	.....

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPORT OF PRES'G ELDERS.		SUP-PORT OF BISHOPS		Conference Claim-ants	CURRENT EXPENSES.		
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Am't Ap-portioned	Amount Paid . .	Am't Ap-portioned.		Church: Sex-ton, Light, Fuel, etc. . .	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.	
		Salary.	House Rent.	Total.	Salary.	House Rent.	Total.								
Butlerville,	J. C. L. Winget, (H. W. Hutchinson,	\$450	.....	\$450	\$272	.....	\$272	\$178	\$50	\$41	\$2	\$2	\$3	\$128	\$80
Centenary,	J. D. Darling,	440	.....	500	460	\$60	520	Ex. 20	44	44	6	6	20	140	112
Chilo,	(A. D. Singer),	500	\$80	580	400	80	480	100	45	39	2	2	9	120	50
Decatur,	A. G. Newton,	555	50	605	529	50	579	26	60	58	2	5	5	112	83
Feesburg,	T. G. Williams,	575	60	635	500	60	560	75	49	49	2	5	6	90	30
Felicity,	S. W. Campbell,	650	100	750	571	100	671	79	60	52	2	5	4	100	75
Georgetown,	M. B. Fuller,	800	120	920	800	120	920	.....	64	64	2	10	70	180	65
Goshen,	C. T. Crum,	550	75	625	550	75	625	.....	65	65	10	8	25	150	40
Jacksonville,	(A. W. Hook),	600	85	685	600	85	685	.....	50	50	2	6	6	125	106
Laurel,	I. E. Price,	600	60	660	524	60	584	76	56	56	6	3	15	121	83
Lebanon,	J. P. Porter,	1000	180	1180	1000	180	1180	.....	104	104	15	15	20	412	80
Maineville,	G. T. Perry,	600	75	675	600	75	675	.....	47	47	5	5	12	93	45
Manchester,	T. D. Moore,	700	100	800	650	100	750	50	66	66	2	...	16	175	75
Marathon,	H. E. Armacost,	400	.....	400	411	.....	411	Ex. 11	48	48	6	6	7	146	67
Milford,	R. E. Smith,	1100	180	1280	1100	180	1280	.....	80	80	12	12	50	300	75
Moscow,	C. W. Briggs,	700	72	772	650	72	722	50	60	50	2	4	15	210	88
Mt. Orab,	W. J. Baker,	620	75	695	620	75	695	.....	60	60	2	6	29	200	160
Mt. Washington,	C. W. Elliott,	716	84	800	716	84	800	.....	45	45	10	10	41	233	77
New Richmond,	J. S. Whitney,	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	50	50	10	3	7	125	125
Owensville and Newtonville,	W. T. Stafford,	550	75	625	550	75	625	.....	66	66	6	6	5	175	100
Ripley,	J. E. Abrams,	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	70	70	10	10	50	240	50
Summerside,	C. J. Wells,	650	.....	650	550	.....	550	100	52	47	2	5	20	200	100
West Union,	J. F. Laird,	600	60	660	530	60	590	70	60	53	2	6	15	126	50
Williamsburg,	G. M. Fulton,	600	125	725	600	125	725	.....	55	55	2	8	25	125	75
Williamsburg Circuit,	W. S. Gray,	500	.....	500	500	.....	500	.....	50	50	5	5	6	175	50
Winchester,	U. G. Humphrey,	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	60	60	10	10	50	120	157
Totals,		19481	2446	21927	18593	2446	21039	888	1789	1731	239	194	609	5064	2357

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																	
Belfast (Bell),	J. A. Winkler,	625	100	725	608	100	708	17	55	54	5	5	10	258	58		
Bethany,	Frank Leever,	750	100	850	750	100	850	.....	65	59	5	5	10	200	36		
Blanchester,	J. H. McNary,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	50	50	12	12	10	125	150		
Bowersville,	O. D. Becker,	650	75	725	650	75	725	.....	50	45	10	5	22	140	60		
Clarksville,	J. A. Easton,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	55	55	7	7	20	145	75		
Greenfield,	M. Le Sourd,	1200	180	1380	1200	180	1380	.....	120	120	15	15	106	380	300		
Hillsboro,	G. H. Dart,	1300	200	1500	1300	200	1500	.....	150	150	15	15	104	325	200		
Hillsboro Circuit,	J. H. Davis,	600	.....	600	600	.....	600	.....	50	50	11	10	20	140	60		
Jamestown,	W. Runyan,	900	120	1020	900	120	1020	.....	70	70	18	18	72	200	60		
Lebanon Circuit,	(S. Hart,) (T. Naylor,)	245	.....	245	225	.....	225	20	20	20	3	...	.....	100	200		
Leesburg,	O. M. Sellers,	750	150	900	750	150	900	.....	65	65	13	13	27	160	100		
Lynchburg,	John Wilson,	600	150	750	600	150	750	.....	60	60	10	10	15	150	75		
Martinsville,	B. F. Oswald,	440	60	500	410	60	470	30	45	38	2	2	4	100	40		
Mason,	J. W. Shorten,	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	70	55	12	6	10	150	100		
Monroe,	J. A. White,	800	125	925	800	125	925	.....	65	65	10	10	27	150	55		
Montgomery,	T. P. Walter,	525	.....	525	525	.....	525	.....	52	27	8	...	2	60	50		
Morrow,	C. M. Van Pelt,	700	125	825	700	125	825	.....	60	60	10	10	35	100	55		
New Burlington,	P. Trout,	725	150	875	750	150	900	Ex. 25	60	60	13	13	38	171	81		
New Jasper,	R. S. McColm,	700	100	800	650	100	750	50	65	60	10	8	10	140	40		
New Vienna and Lexington,	D. D. Cheney,	700	150	850	700	150	850	.....	60	55	13	10	28	205	92		
Rainsboro,	H. W. Bailey,	700	75	775	700	75	775	.....	50	50	12	12	24	160	100		
Sabina,	L. M. Davis,	700	120	820	700	120	820	.....	50	50	13	13	15	200	60		
Siuking Spring,	W. E. Spurrier,	500	50	550	500	50	550	.....	40	40	11	11	15	110	35		
South Lebanon,	J. R. Colley,	650	.....	650	650	.....	650	.....	37	37	7	7	20	55	35		
Sugar Tree Ridge,	(J. M. Roberts,)	475	25	500	475	25	500	.....	40	40	13	4	2	150	37		
Union (P. O. Spring Valley),	J. E. H. Sentman,	800	100	900	850	100	950	Ex. 50	65	65	14	14	22	189	109		
Waynesville,	A. D. Maddox,	800	150	950	800	150	950	.....	70	70	12	8	25	173	38		
Wilmington,	E. T. Lane,	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200	.....	90	90	...	...	40	200	60		
Xenia: First Church,	J. J. McCabe,	1400	300	1700	1400	300	1700	.....	128	128	20	20	96	1063	165		
Trinity,	D. C. Vance,	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	95	95	10	10	65	495	106		
Totals,		22435	3455	25890	22393	3455	25848	42	1947	1880	314	273	894	6194	2632		
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.																	
Arcanum,	J. F. McColm,	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	65	65	10	10	6	150	128		
Brandt,	I. R. Marshall,	420	80	500	420	80	500	.....	35	35	9	8	.....	75	30		

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPPORT OF PRES'G ELDERS.	SUP-PORT OF BISHOPS	Conference Claim-ants,	CURRENT EXPENSES.			
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.				Church: Sex- ion, Light, Fuel, etc. . .	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.		
		Salary. .	House Rent. .	Total. .	Salary. .	House Rent. .	Total. .								
Catawba,	C. D. Munsey,	\$700	\$110	\$810	\$700	\$110	\$810	.....	\$65	\$59	\$4	\$4	\$44	\$240	\$143
Cedarville,	F. E. Vance,	700	150	850	700	150	850	.....	45	45	8	6	25	190	105
Christiansburg,	J. L. Dalbey,	500	75	575	500	75	575	.....	40	40	14	14	12	140	35
Covington,	J. R. Hill,	500	120	620	500	120	620	.....	25	25	10	5	5	90	55
Dialton,	W. A. Wiant,	600	100	700	618	100	718	Ex. \$18	45	45	12	12	38	140	164
Greenville,	A. N. Spahr,	1050	150	1200	1050	150	1200	.....	90	90	22	22	85	170	133
King's Creek,	D. S. Ewry,	435	100	535	431	100	531	4	35	25	10	6	10	155	60
Mechanicsburg,	James Murray,	1100	200	1300	1205	200	1405	Ex. 105	75	75	...	...	34	350	128
Mutual,	J. R. Hunter,	600	100	700	600	100	700	.....	40	40	10	10	8	180	90
New Carlisle,	J. P. Shultz,	800	100	900	750	100	850	50	60	60	10	10	55	210	90
New Moorefield,	W. M. Patton,	700	100	800	700	100	800	.....	60	60	15	...	13	350	112
Piqua: Grace,	W. H. Wehrley,	700	150	850	710	150	860	Ex. 10	50	50	12	12	16	200	40
Greene Street,	F. G. Mitchell,	1600	300	1900	1600	300	1900	.....	140	140	33	33	105	441	149
South Charleston,	B. D. Hypes,	850	150	1000	850	150	1000	.....	75	75	20	20	20	200	75
South Charleston Circuit,	L. O. Deputy,	800	100	900	800	100	900	.....	40	40	8	5	15	250	84
Springfield: Central,	C. W. Barnes,	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000	.....	135	135	30	15	75	797	313
Grace,	W. G. Warner,	600	150	750	800	150	950	Ex. 200	20	20	...	...	5	150	40
High Street,	A. H. Lucas,	1600	500	2100	1600	500	2100	.....	135	135	25	25	100	1250	175
St. Paul,	P. C. Curnick,	1600	400	2000	1600	400	2000	.....	135	135	25	25	90	1600	200
Tippecanoe and Milton,	H. Miller,	600	100	700	528	100	628	72	50	40	5	1	12	160	75
Tremont City (P. O. Westville),	R. K. Deem,	800	96	896	750	96	846	50	80	68	15	10	45	280	160
Troy,	V. F. Brown,	1500	300	1800	1500	300	1800	.....	115	115	28	28	169	402	184
Troy Circuit (Troy),	A. L. Brokaw,	600	150	750	600	150	750	.....	40	40	13	13	48	100	50
Urbana: First Church,	G. W. Dubois,	1300	300	1600	1300	300	1600	.....	130	130	30	30	75	773	251
Grace,	J. G. Vaughan,	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500	.....	115	115	25	25	100	650	150
Yellow Springs,	H. C. Middleton,	925	100	1025	849	100	949	76	55	51	15	6	15	302	145
Totals,		23080	4981	30061	25151	4981	30132	Ex. 81	1995	1953	418	355	1225	9995	3364

RECAPITULATION.

NAME OF DISTRICTS.	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.							SUPPORT OF PRESIDING ELDERS.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS.		Conference Claimants	CURRENT EXPENSES.	
	CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies,	Am't Apportioned,	Amount Paid. . . .	Am't Apportioned,	Amount Paid . . .		Church: Sex-ton Light Fuel, etc. . .	S. S.: Lesson Leaves, etc.
	Salary. .	House Rent. .	Total. .	Salary. .	House Rent. .	Total. .								
Cincinnati,	\$42,574	\$8,600	\$51,174	\$42,680	\$8,600	\$51,280	Ex 106	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$656	\$594	\$2,230	\$22,956	\$4,587
Dayton,	25,327	3,731	29,058	25,058	3,731	28,789	269	2,112	2,061	411	357	1,116	8,513	3,191
Georgetown,	19,481	2,446	21,927	18,593	2,446	21,039	888	1,789	1,731	239	194	609	5,064	2,357
Hillsboro,	22,435	3,455	25,890	22,393	3,455	25,848	42	1,947	1,880	314	273	894	6,194	2,632
Springfield,	25,080	4,981	30,061	25,151	4,981	30,132	Ex. 81	1,995	1,953	418	355	1,225	9,995	3,364
Totals,	134,897	23,213	158,110	133,875	23,213	157,088	1,012	10,343	10,125	2,038	1,774	6,074	52,722	16,131
Totals, 1893,	139,046	22,741	161,787	134,118	22,741	156,859	1,278	11,472	11,282	2,165	1,814	6,467	49,215	15,763
Increase, . . . . .	.....	472	.....	.....	472	229	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,507	368
Decrease,	4,149	.....	3,677	243	.....	.....	266	1,129	1,157	127	40	393	.....	.....

GENERAL STATISTICS NO. IV.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																
	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Extension . . .	Sunday-school Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid & South. Ed. Soc. . .	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss. Society. . . .	Woman's Home Miss. Society. . . .	Episcopal Fund. . . .	Conference Claimants. .	Cincinnati Church Extension. . .	Other Collections	Deaconess Home and Christ Hosp.
	Church. .	Sunday-school. .	Total. . .					Child'n's Fund. .	Other Edu'tal Objects.								
CINCINNATI DISTRICT.																	
Avondale,	\$171	\$48	\$219	\$111	\$2	\$3	\$149	\$19	\$2	\$6	\$293	\$384	\$49	\$184	1,300	.....	\$757
Bond Hill and Pleasant Ridge, .	60	10	70	15	3	2	10	10	2	2	.....	12	14	45	10	.....	.....
Carthage-Elmwood Place,	35	40	75	4	2	2	4	2	2	2	.....	96	10	25	.....	.....	.....
Cheviot,	707	23	730	172	43	33	252	106	.....	104	55	.....	.....	173	357	.....	.....
Cincinnati: Asbury,	91	109	200	13	3	3	18	5	12	4	55	79	18	53	.....	\$200	.....
Camp Washington,	140	13	153	10	1	1	22	3	.....	.....	61	.....	2	15	.....	13	.....
Christie,	55	20	75	8	3	3	7	3	3	3	40	199	10	48	40	275	14
Church Ex. Soc. Missions, . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbia,	20	60	80	38	1	3	1	15	.....	.....	63	.....	2	35	34	.....	33
Cumminsville,	32	27	59	5	2	2	5	3	2	1	45	.....	5	30	.....	.....	10
Fairmount,	28	32	60	12	3	2	12	6	5	5	49	2	10	15	.....	.....	1
Finley,	25	15	40	10	4	4	8	.....	2	2	.....	.....	6	20	.....	.....	.....
McKendree,	29	71	100	15	3	3	15	.....	5	4	.....	.....	10	30	.....	17	.....
Mt. Auburn,	186	46	232	60	10	10	70	10	10	10	97	92	26	106	114	25	42
Mt. Lookout,	110	60	170	45	4	4	50	5	6	10	47	129	14	50	85	3	25
North Fairmount, . . . . .	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pearl Street,	3	12	15	2	1	1	2	.....	.....	1	1	1	5	5	.....	22	.....
Pendleton,	15	35	50	10	1	1	10	.....	1	1	.....	.....	5	20	.....	.....	.....
Price Hill,	27	23	50	4	1	1	2	.....	1	1	23	37	6	10	195	.....	10
St. John,	60	5	65	15	3	3	12	3	10	5	.....	.....	2	25	.....	.....	.....
St. Paul,	405	93	498	38	10	10	110	.....	9	20	279	2,255	70	130	194	218	46
Trinity,	200	32	232	34	10	9	29	9	13	9	359	344	43	100	37	100	317

Cincinnati: Walnut Hills, . . .	618	630	1,248	237	9	9	268	18	.....	.....	863	1,27	80	250	378	100	370
Wesley,	344	195	539	50	18	18	25	11	23	19	102	.....	26	128	47	812	.....
York Street,	37	35	72	10	6	4	6	.....	7	8	70	111	19	41	.....	40	15
Cleves and Addyston,	8	.....	8	3	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
Clifton,	70	9	79	20	2	2	105	12	4	7	2,230	.....	12	50	1,327	50	50
Delhi,	77	23	100	.....	1	1	13	6	4	1	32	70	8	50	37	.....	140
Groesbeck,	12	3	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	20
Hartwell,	86	64	150	10	3	2	10	10	5	.....	43	83	29	80	.....	125	12
Harrison,	38	12	50	5	1	1	5	2	33	1	57	.....	2	5	.....	.....	.....
Ivanhoe,	15	15	30	3	.....	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	50	9	17	123	.....	.....
Lockland-Wyoming,	418	56	474	96	11	6	192	4	7	7	516	30	25	139	337	100	413
Loveland,	7	18	25	10	1	1	10	2	.....	.....	.....	11	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Madisonville,	200	150	350	79	5	5	79	9	.....	5	189	.....	36	167	16	.....	400
Miami,	20	.....	20	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
Newton,	57	33	90	7	1	5	5	10	1	1	.....	.....	10	40	.....	.....	.....
Norwood,	18	30	48	1	.....	.....	1	3	.....	.....	18	40	.....	25	15	.....	14
Riverside,	13	2	15	1	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
Winton Place,	134	20	154	35	8	8	28	7	18	10	70	93	17	100	62	.....	60
Totals,	4,471	2,069	6,540	1,190	178	166	1,540	303	189	250	5,657	5,385	591	2,230	4,708	2,100	2,749
DAYTON DISTRICT.																	
Camden and Summerville, . . .	20	12	32	2	1	1	2	4	.....	1	17	.....	4	15	.....	.....	.....
Centerville,	79	53	132	17	1	2	21	6	17	4	43	3	18	31	.....	58	.....
Concord,	25	10	35	5	2	2	3	.....	3	2	.....	.....	8	14	.....	.....	.....
Dayton: Broadway,	198	58	256	25	5	5	30	17	5	3	.....	108	19	30	.....	137	.....
Carrollton and Homestead Ave.	10	50	60	18	2	2	16	13	3	2	2	2	4	40	.....	7	15
Grace,	446	473	919	90	20	10	50	.....	30	20	307	428	44	200	.....	902	.....
Raper,	372	271	643	50	5	5	100	42	.....	5	367	430	30	128	.....	1,431	35
St. Paul,	175	125	300	40	5	5	35	10	.....	5	227	151	27	110	.....	293	.....
Trinity,	11	15	26	1	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
Eaton,	137	68	205	32	4	4	2,130	6	6	12	81	71	18	80	.....	.....	72
Fair Haven,	65	10	75	21	2	2	19	6	.....	2	.....	.....	8	39	.....	.....	.....
Franklin,	80	38	118	13	2	2	12	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	16	35	.....	.....	32
Germantown,	15	22	37	1	1	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	10	.....	.....	.....
Glendale and Sharonville, . . .	18	7	25	2	1	1	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	3	10	.....	.....	52

\$100 of Camp Washington is from bequest of Matthew Verity, of New Carlisle, O.

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Butlerville,	15	15	1	2	3	2	3
Centenary,	18	7	25	8	2	2	5	7	6	20
Chilo,	10	10	2	1	1	2	5	2	1	1	2	9	6
Decatur,	120	.....	120	3	1	1	2	3	1	1	20	.....	5	5	.....	.....	10
Feesburg,	20	2	22	4	1	1	3	2	1	1	.....	.....	5	6	.....	.....	2
Felicity,	20	5	25	4	2	1	3	.....	2	1	.....	.....	5	4	.....	.....	.....
Georgetown,	137	23	160	20	5	5	20	16	.....	4	.....	.....	10	70	.....	.....	15
Goshen,	100	.....	100	10	3	3	10	15	.....	3	13	1	8	25	.....	.....	.....
Jacksonville,	40	.....	40	10	2	2	8	5	3	.....	.....	.....	6	6	.....	.....	8
Laurel,	55	.....	55	8	1	1	6	6	.....	1	.....	.....	3	15	.....	.....	3
Lebanon,	100	35	135	15	2	2	15	5	5	.....	109	6	15	20	.....	.....	34
Maineville,	58	17	75	7	1	1	6	9	.....	2	.....	.....	5	12	.....	.....	.....
Manchester,	42	.....	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	.....
Marathon,	23	6	29	4	3	3	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	7	.....	.....	.....
Milford,	95	65	160	26	6	6	10	2	1,033	1	52	12	12	50	\$25	.....	50
Moscow,	30	20	50	6	2	2	5	12	3	2	3	.....	4	15	.....	.....	7
Mt. Orah,	55	10	65	3	.....	.....	3	4	.....	.....	26	.....	6	29	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Washington,	96	37	133	15	2	2	65	.....	.....	1	.....	60	10	41	.....	.....	2
New Richmond,	16	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	7	.....	.....	.....
Owensville and Newtonville, . .	55	3	58	10	5	2	12	13	2	.....	.....	.....	6	5	.....	.....	20
Ripley,	65	25	90	8	1	1	10	2	.....	2	23	1	10	50	.....	15	.....
Summerside,	50	20	70	5	2	2	5	2	.....	2	.....	.....	5	20	.....	5	.....
West Union,	38	2	40	10	1	1	2	.....	2	2	12	.....	6	15	.....	.....	7
Williamsburg,	65	10	75	10	1	1	10	3	4	1	.....	.....	8	25	.....	8	.....
Williamsburg Circuit,	31	3	34	2	1	.....	2	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	6	.....	.....	.....
Winchester,	69	14	83	16	2	2	44	.....	4	.....	13	.....	10	50	.....	.....	25
Totals,	1,560	405	1,965	235	55	50	286	139	1,066	30	336	81	194	609	\$25	28	249
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.																	
Belfast,	95	.....	95	5	2	1	10	10	.....	.....	.....	3	5	10	.....	.....	2
Bethany,	37	11	48	5	.....	.....	4	5	.....	.....	17	.....	5	10	.....	.....	.....
Blanchester,	77	35	112	8	1	1	4	15	2	.....	.....	.....	12	10	.....	.....	18
Bowersville,	72	28	100	8	1	1	10	3	.....	1	.....	.....	5	22	.....	.....	.....
Clarksville,	40	10	50	4	1	1	5	2	.....	1	13	.....	7	20	.....	.....	.....

In the amount paid by Eaton for Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, \$2,100 came from Mrs. E. A. Meharry Jeffers.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																
	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Ex- tension. . . .	Sunday-school Union. . . .	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid & South. Ed. Soc. . .	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Miss. Society. . . .	Woman's Home Miss. Society. . . .	Episcopal Fund.	Conference Claimants. .	Cincinnati Church Ex- tension. . . .	Other collec- tions	Deaconess Home and Christ Hosp.
	Church. .	Sunday- school. .	Total . .					Child's Fund. .	Other Edu'nal Objects.								
Greenfield,	\$210	\$190	\$400	\$45	\$10	\$10	\$42	\$10	\$10	\$25	\$103	\$97	\$15	\$106	.....	.....	\$79
Hillsboro,	220	80	300	45	10	10	40	5	10	10	57	44	15	104	.....	.....	10
Hillsboro Circuit,	67	53	120	7	2	1	8	10	5	2	.....	.....	10	20	.....	.....	15
Jamestown,	125	100	225	28	3	2	25	10	.....	10	71	.....	18	72	.....	\$15	.....
Lebanon Circuit, . . . . .	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Leesburg,	87	23	110	10	2	2	22	17	3	2	25	40	13	27	.....	.....	25
Lynchburg,	37	14	51	6	1	1	6	3	.....	.....	20	.....	10	15	.....	.....	.....
Martinsville,	28	2	30	1	1	.....	2	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	4	.....	.....	.....
Mason,	70	12	82	2	.....	1	3	4	.....	1	18	.....	6	10	.....	.....	2
Monroe,	41	20	61	7	3	2	5	4	2	.....	8	.....	10	27	.....	.....	.....
Montgomery,	20	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Morrow,	65	20	85	18	3	3	16	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	35	.....	.....	16
New Burlington,	168	12	180	10	1	1	5	7	15	1	12	.....	13	38	.....	.....	.....
New Jasper,	55	5	60	8	.....	.....	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	10	.....	.....	5
New Vienna and Lexington, Rainsboro,	69	38	107	8	3	3	12	6	5	4	97	.....	10	28	.....	17	.....
Sabina,	105	20	125	12	3	3	8	5	2	5	.....	.....	12	24	.....	.....	5
Sinking Spring,	66	18	84	9	1	1	11	5	3	1	.....	.....	13	15	.....	.....	30
South Lebanon,	60	15	75	10	4	4	6	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	15	.....	.....	.....
Sugar Tree Ridge,	30	23	53	12	4	4	11	3	.....	.....	3	4	7	20	.....	.....	6
Union (P. O. Spring Valley), . .	15	5	20	1	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	2	.....	.....	.....
Waynesville,	86	44	130	9	2	2	7	19	2	8	58	.....	14	22	.....	.....	.....
Wilmington,	71	19	90	5	2	1	5	2	3	1	41	.....	8	25	.....	.....	34
Xenia—First Church,	102	28	130	20	1	1	15	10	12	8	62	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....
Trinity,	394	130	524	70	10	10	70	20	.....	30	108	62	20	96	.....	.....	25
Totals,	132	60	192	25	4	4	10	4	4	12	67	100	10	65	.....	56	16
Totals,	2,657	1,015	3,672	398	76	71	368	209	78	124	788	350	273	894	.....	88	288

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.																		
Arcanum,	86	85	171	2	1	2	9	4	1	1	13	.....	10	6	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brandt,	24	.....	24	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Catawba,	143	24	167	15	2	4	20	20	2	5	12	.....	4	44	.....	.....	32	.....
Cedarville,	100	25	125	10	1	1	10	2	8	1	.....	.....	6	25	.....	.....	59	.....
Christiansburg,	60	10	70	2	1	1	2	3	2	1	.....	.....	14	12	.....	1	.....	.....
Covington,	15	5	20	2	1	1	2	1	.....	1	.....	.....	5	5	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dialton,	308	20	328	23	1	1	22	10	1	1	47	.....	12	38	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greenville,	94	76	170	12	3	3	16	4	9	.....	20	37	22	85	.....	.....	.....	.....
King's Creek,	38	7	45	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mechanicsburg,	123	100	223	11	.....	.....	11	5	.....	.....	43	19	.....	34	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mutual,	13	34	47	2	1	1	1	6	1	.....	.....	.....	10	8	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Carlisle,	31	39	70	8	3	3	8	4	3	4	15	19	10	55	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Moorefield,	84	20	104	1	1	.....	1	6	1	1	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....
Piqua: Grace,	26	38	64	7	1	1	18	14	.....	12	36	12	12	16	.....	.....	.....	.....
Greene Street,	441	222	663	45	2	3	72	15	.....	66	156	194	33	105	.....	110	40	.....
South Charleston,	158	32	190	5	2	2	5	4	.....	1	17	.....	20	20	.....	.....	200	.....
South Charleston Circuit,	45	15	60	12	2	2	10	15	12	1	.....	.....	5	15	.....	5	.....	.....
Springfield—Central,	219	181	400	73	.....	.....	108	10	.....	.....	216	142	15	75	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grace,	5	5	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....
High Street,	351	200	551	55	5	3	40	10	.....	2	190	257	25	100	.....	325	.....	.....
St. Paul,	286	144	430	25	1	1	20	18	1	1	174	656	25	90	.....	100	.....	.....
Tippecanoe City & Milton,	12	13	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	12	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tremont City,	168	12	180	30	4	4	20	7	3	3	20	.....	10	45	.....	.....	35	.....
Troy,	937	209	1,146	75	10	10	100	263	20	52	114	121	28	169	.....	240	156	.....
Troy Circuit (Troy),	70	30	100	18	1	1	4	10	15	2	.....	.....	13	48	.....	35	16	.....
Urbana—First Church,	341	91	432	45	6	6	45	15	7	8	168	176	30	75	.....	.....	30	.....
Grace,	341	60	401	35	10	10	30	50	.....	10	131	117	25	100	.....	150	7	.....
Yellow Springs,	57	43	100	7	2	1	6	3	2	1	.....	11	6	15	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals,	4,564	1,740	6,304	522	62	62	582	501	89	174	1,372	1,751	355	1,222	.....	966	575	.....

Of the amount from Troy, \$500 is a special gift from S. K. Harter for Hing Hua, China; \$30 is a special gift of W. W. Edge, for a native preacher in Hing Hua; and \$15 is from the Epworth League, for a scholarship in the Boys' School in Hing Hua.

RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.																
	MISSIONS.			Board of Church Ex- tension . . .	Sunday- school Union.	Tract Society.	Freedmen's Aid & South- ern Ed. Soc.	EDUCATION.		American Bible Society.	Woman's Foreign Mis- sionary Soc.	Woman's Home Miss. Society. . . .	Episcopal Fund.	Conference Claimants. .	Cincinnati Church Ex- tension, . . .	Other collec- tions.	Deaconess Home and Christ Hos- pital,
	Church. .	Sunday- School. .	Total. . .					Childr'n's Fund. .	Other Edu'nal Objects.								
Cincinnati,	\$4,471	\$2,069	\$6,540	\$1,190	\$178	\$166	\$1,540	\$303	\$189	\$250	\$5,657	\$5,385	\$591	\$2,230	\$4,708	\$2,100	\$2,749
Dayton,	2,474	1,568	4,042	420	74	62	2,507	176	93	92	1,216	1,413	351	1,116	.....	3,000	341
Georgetown,	1,560	405	1,965	235	55	50	286	139	1,066	30	336	81	194	609	.....	28	249
Hillsboro,	2,657	1,015	3,672	398	76	71	368	209	78	124	788	350	273	894	.....	88	288
Springfield,	4,564	1,740	6,304	522	62	62	582	501	89	174	1,372	1,751	355	1,222	.....	966	575
Total,	15,726	6,797	22,523	2,765	445	411	5,283	1,328	1,515	670	9,369	8,980	1,764	6,071	4,733	6,182	4,202
Total for 1893, . .	16,430	6,581	23,011	2,721	526	452	5,445	1,222	865	740	7,521	9,552	1,814	6,467	.....	9,047	3,386
Increase, . . . . .	.....	216	.....	44	.....	.....	.....	106	650	.....	1,868	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	816
Decrease,	704	.....	488	.....	81	41	162	.....	.....	70	.....	572	50	396	.....	2,865	.....

There was raised for General Conference Expenses : Clifton, \$3 ; West Elkton, \$2 ; South Charleston Circuit, \$1 ; total, \$6.

C.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

IN the midst of perilous times we need the Word of God. Its successful circulation is of supreme importance in all evangelizing movements. The fact that more than one-third of the families visited by this Society are found without the Bible in any form, is a sad comment on the need of such work. The fidelity and success with which the managers of the American Bible Society have conducted its large and varied interests claims our gratitude and support; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we heartily indorse the work of the American Bible Society, and urge that every Church within the bounds of our Conference be informed as to its work and urged to contribute more liberally to its support.

J. E. ABRAMS, *Secretary*.

CREIGHTON WONES, *Chairman*.
C. F. ENYART.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

THE Church Extension Society in Methodism has been a prime factor in the great success of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society in gathering into our Church a membership of over 400,000. It has also been the one dependence in planting Churches in the settlements and villages upon the frontier, where thousands upon thousands are gathering of all nationalities, and also, with liberal hand, helping the needy Churches throughout the older communities.

The work of the missionary, unless re-enforced by a house for worship, is of little permanent value to the community or to the Church. To provide for this, is the work of this Society. The trust has been most faithfully fulfilled up to the full measure of the means committed to its care.

Receipts on General Fund are \$3,270,229; Loan Fund, \$1,785,999, making a total of \$5,056,228. Nine thousand two hundred and eighty-three churches have been built and aided. Many would never have had an existence without this aid. Yet at no time in the history of this Society, but what the demand for help has been greatly in excess of ability to meet.

The Secretary (Dr. Spencer) says, that there are now more than three thousand homeless congregations in our Methodism. The Society is bound up with the aggressive work of the Church in the home-field. Every department of our organized benevolences put the seal of their approval upon it. It challenges the confidence of the Church by its fidelity to trusts committed, and makes good its claim for enlarged contributions by the vigor of its administration.

We desire to make record of the successful management of the Loan Fund. While other Churches have tried and failed, by reason of a false charity that refused to apply when necessity demanded "the effective persuasives of the law," because a Church debt and dependent on charity for its resources, we have been favored with a stalwart administration on business principles in the name of common honesty and to the honor of the Church, in keeping intact this great trust according to the intent of the givers.

We not only approve the past, but insist that this fund be kept inviolate in all time to come, in its return to help the needy, even if the authority of the law must be invoked. Better one Society suffer, than faithlessness and dishonor, creating distrust and hindering, it may be, the prosperity of a hundred Societies in time to come.

As ministers, we accord to this Society a place of prime importance among our organized benevolences. We commend it to the confidence and liberality of our membership. We heartily indorse the administration of the Loan Fund. We give the right of way of its Secretaries to our pulpits and our Churches.

We, as a Conference, ought never do less than raise our apportionment, and in order to do this would urge the stronger societies to aid the weaker by going beyond their assessments.

J. S. WHITNEY, *Secretary*.

J. W. GADDIS, *Chairman*.

EDUCATION.

I. OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

DURING the past year the University has celebrated, in befitting manner, its year of jubilee. The mayor of the city of Delaware, the Governor of Ohio, Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and distinguished graduates from the learned professions, from scientific and business circles, united to do honor to their *Alma Mater*. The aim of the University is to train the triple-natured student in body, mind, and spirit, but exalting the importance of the spirit, intending to give that which the State universities can not give: First, attention to the moral and spiritual, and recognizing that no education is complete which does not provide for the whole being in the entire realm of its existence; that the best intellectual culture is to the pure in spirit; that a symmetrical character can not result from a partial training.

We here append the auditor's financial exhibit of June 1, 1894:

Assets—Unproductive property,	\$415,000
Endowment Fund,	508,000
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	\$923,000
Indebtedness,	59,000
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Excess of assets,	\$846,000

When we compare the fifty years of the existence of this University with the thousand years that mark the life-time of Oxford, and the financial value in property and endowment of the Ohio Wesleyan University with the \$7,000,000 of Harvard; the \$7,000,000 of Chicago; the \$10,000,000 of Columbia, or the \$20,000,000 of the Leland Stanford, and then reflect that the demands upon these institutions make them feel poor, we appreciate the need at Delaware. The school needs all it has had of the divine blessing in the revivals that have marked the half-century of its existence, and have given prosperity, sending out consecrated men and women to the ends of the earth, and to the varied homes and pursuits of our own country. It needs, too, the continued and increasing benefactions of those who love God and humanity well enough to devote their wealth, in whole or in part, to Christian education. We rejoice in the near prospect of a library building, costing \$50,000, the gift of Charles W. Slocum, M. D., of Defiance, Ohio. About \$500 have been raised within the Conference the last year for the pledge of this Conference to the University Hall.

We cordially appreciate, and desire to duly laud, the excellent work accomplished the past year by the President of the University, Dr. Bash-

ford, and the Faculty, and pledge our earnest co-operation in endeavoring to build up, in every legitimate way, an institution where the judicious discipline, the thorough methods of teaching, and the careful training in a pure spirituality, promise the best results in practical life, as demonstrated by the success of graduates in all honorable callings, and by the victories in death of some who would not have found the Savior, in all human probability, if they had not entered this school. We will continue to devote the money credited under "other educational collections" to the Ohio Wesleyan University, to meet our pledge as a Conference, first to University Hall, and next to our endowment of the Cincinnati Conference professorship.

We recommend the election of Judge William R. Warnock as trustee for five years, to succeed James M. De Camp.

We recommend the appointment of William Runyan and Frank G. Mitchell as Visitors.

II. SCHOOLS OF THEOLOGY.

Our Schools of Theology—at Boston, the Garrett, Drew, DePauw, Iliff, and Gammon—exist for the benefit of the whole Church. As regards faculty, buildings, endowment, curriculum, lecture-courses both regular and special, library, opportunities for self-support, and, indeed, all needed advantages, they are better fitted than ever to give the young men of the Church the best possible Biblical and theological training.

The catalogues of the present year show that these schools are abreast of the times. They teach a practical theology. The great living questions will be discussed the coming year in these schools by some of the most profound thinkers of the American Church, and the students are to be congratulated on the privileges offered them. We earnestly commend these schools to the young men who feel called to the work of the ministry, who have already completed a college course of study.

We recommend the appointment of the following Visitors: To Boston, S. O. Royal and L. E. Prentiss; to Drew, A. B. Leonard and C. H. Haines; to Garrett, A. H. Lucas and A. B. Austin; to DePauw, F. M. Clemans and J. G. Vaughan; to Iliff, C. H. Payne and J. J. McCabe; to Gammon, R. S. Rust and H. Henderson.

III. THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY.

We heartily rejoice in the progress of the American University, and renew our pledge to further and hasten the perfection of the plans for its settlement upon a secure basis, and its opening for its sublime mission in the cause of the highest Christian and scientific education.

IV. SPRINGFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL.

The president of the Conference Trustees of the Springfield Female College and High School reports: "The lessees have carried on a school of high grade during the last year, in compliance with the terms of the lease. The suit in equity to compel a portion of the McFadden fund, as bequeathed to the college, to be applied upon betterments to the building, has terminated with the lessees' defeat. The building is in good repair, and the requirement in regard to insurance and repairs has been met. The McFadden fund and its accumulations, at our last meeting, amounted to the sum of \$5,047.78."

We recommend the election of the following-named persons to serve three years as trustees: Robert Johnson, J. S. Shewalter, J. K. Mower, J. W. R. Cline, E. T. Wells, and T. H. Pearne.

The full board, as now constituted, is as follows: Term to expire in 1895: P. P. Mast, H. S. Showers, W. R. Warnock, A. H. Lucas, J. F. Marlay, W. Runyan, F. G. Mitchell. Term to expire in 1896: E. G. Dial, C. H. Reeser, S. D. Clayton, P. C. Curnick, G. W. Barnes, G. W. Dubois. Term to expire in 1897: Robert Johnson, J. S. Shewalter, J. K. Mower, J. W. R. Cline, E. T. Wells, T. H. Pearne.

V. HILLSBORO COLLEGE.

Concerning this institution, we have to record that the old historic building, on the 18th of May last, was destroyed by fire; but, fortunately, there was \$10,000 insurance on the property, which has been paid in full into the treasury of the Board of Trustees. The trustees have decided to rebuild, and, if possible, put new life into the institution; and in order that all equities of the Church may be conserved, we recommend the election of the following-named brethren as trustees for the ensuing year: Jacob Saylor, John L. West, W. C. Duckwall, George W. Barriere, O. N. Sams, Charles Harsha, the presiding elder of Hillsboro District, and the pastor of Hillsboro Station.

We recommend that the trustees consider the practicability of such action as will place said college under the complete control of the Cincinnati Conference.

VI. CINCINNATI WESLEYAN COLLEGE.

In the midst of the clouds enveloping this historic college, we rejoice to see rays of light. We earnestly hope that every possible effort to save the institution to Methodism and the cause of higher education of women will be made, and that eventual triumph may follow. Let our people rally once more to this enterprise, and honor themselves and their Master.

We recommend the appointment of the following-named brethren to confer and co-operate with the Board of Trustees, yet not so as to involve the Conference in any financial obligation: T. H. Pearne, J. P. Porter, S. O. Royal, W. A. Robinson, D. L. Aultman, W. Runyan, and R. F. Smith.

VII. BOARD OF EDUCATION.

We desire to commend the noble work of the Board of Education, and especially of its worthy Secretary, Rev. C. H. Payne, D. D., LL. D. We are glad to believe that his earnest addresses before our Conferences have done much to intensify the interest of the ministry in their work as it relates to the cause of general education, as well as the special work of the Church in religious and theological departments and methods.

We desire, also, to emphasize the Disciplinary provisions in reference to Children's-day, particularly the following: "It shall be the duty of every pastor to cause every Sunday-school under his charge to observe the second Sunday in June, or such other Sunday as may be more convenient, as Children's-day; and upon said day, as part of the service, he shall take a collection to be devoted to the Sunday-school Children's Fund. The pastor in charge shall forward the collection aforesaid directly to the Secretary of the Board of Education, and report the same to his Annual Conference, under the head of 'Children's Fund;' and all educational money except the Children's Fund shall be reported to the Annual Conference under the head of 'Other Educational Objects.'"

We also recommend that Children's-day be made an occasion for instructing the children of the Church, as well as the Church itself, on the importance of the work of Christian education; and to this end we recommend the programs prepared especially by the Board of Education.

VIII. CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

We recommend the following: President, R. H. Rust; Vice-President, Howard Henderson; Secretary, Sylvester Weeks; Treasurer, Edward W. Mullikin; additional members, John W. Dale, James M. De Camp, Theodore F. Spear, James N. Gamble.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

THE Epworth League has assumed such proportions in the work of every successful Church, it needs no apology for honorable mention in the Cincinnati Conference. Any minister who fails to wield this arm of power is certainly failing to utilize one of the best spiritual and social helps in the adjustment of our Church appliances.

We heartily indorse the emphatic utterances of our League officers in their efforts to weld the interests of the young people to the Church, so that the young people will be loyal to all the regular appointments of our services. The fact is well established that our young people are made more faithful in their attendance upon the Sabbath services than before the League was formed; and wherever the opposite tendency is seen, it is emphatically condemned by our leaders. The League is not only most closely identified with the Church, but is always loyal to the pastor and ready to accept from him the word of command. With a single voice, the response comes from our Churches that the League is an invaluable spiritual factor in all our work.

We commend the organization of the children into Junior Leagues, and approve the plan of arranging the drill of the children to lead naturally to the Bible study of the regular League. There is much advantage, too, in a regular plan of graduation from the one to the other.

The Epworth Guards are timely in their organization and full of promise for the boys. We trust no one will condemn, but all will investigate and adopt the plans of the Epworth Guards as far as possible. The military idea is merely to attract; it is a means to an end, and not the object sought.

We commend the effort to establish regular courses of study in our League-work, urging at the same time the deepest spirituality.

We also recommend the most cordial co-operation upon the part of all in the plan of the General Conference District Organization, that also of the Conference, presiding elders' district, and local chapters; and approve the various rallies now held in these lines, along with that of the subdistrict organizations. We commend to the Committee on Public Worship the arrangement of a League rally at our next annual session of Conference.

The *Epworth Herald* is well worthy our patronage, and we urge upon our young people that they increase its circulation as far as possible.

The League should be left free from responsibility in the question of special collections; but in view of the emergency this year, we approve the effort of individual Leagues in the Thanksgiving effort for the Missionary Society, and hereby recommend this plan to the Leagues within the bounds of the Conference.

M. B. FULLER, *Secretary*.
G. C. TURRELL,
R. E. SMITH,
DAVID HERR,
H. D. KETCHAM,
M. LESOURD,

J. S. PUMPHREY, *Chairman*.
I. E. PRICE,
B. D. HYPES,
A. B. LEONARD,
G. H. DART.

FINANCE.

THE year of financial distress through which we have passed has more than ever emphasized the wisdom and necessity of systematic giving. We believe that the benevolent spirit of the Church of God is growing, but we also believe that this spirit could be so quickened as to be equal to the utmost demands of our great Church enterprises. To this end we recommend that pastors everywhere hold up the gospel standard

of giving, which is "as the Lord hath prospered." We believe the Disciplinary plan to be the very best, when carried out in the weekly offering. We advise all pastors to remind our people of the vows they have taken before the altar of the Church of God, and urge upon them a due sense of their obligation to contribute to all of our benevolences.

J. P. SHULTZ,	W. H. WEHRLEY,
J. F. LAIRD,	D. J. STARR,
JOHN W. SHORTEN,	S. D. CLAYTON.
R. H. RUST,	

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

It is with gratitude to Almighty God that we note the interest that has been taken by our benevolent societies in the greatest of all missionary fields, our own Southland. The Missionary Society has supplemented the efforts of our young but growing Church. By this aid, our ministers there have been enabled to go forth and build up the waste places. The Church Extension Society, in its respective field of labor, has been pleased to enter this territory with inspired zeal and energy, and have erected hundreds of church-buildings, where thousands of these humble people sing the praises of their God.

Considering the short time elapsed since the slaves were freed, the Church has had an amazing growth. But there is nothing so essential to the proper development of this great but neglected territory, so far as both the white and black population are concerned, as the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. This Society being organized especially for this territory, we hold that it can not succeed in elevating the South and give it a Christian civilization except by educating the masses. Ignorance is the foe of republics, and of the Church as well. The preponderance of ignorance in this great country is in this same territory. Of the two million voters unable to read or write, one and one-third millions are found among the people who live within the field of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

In the last report of the statistics of the South, it was shown that illiteracy had increased; that is to say, the population had increased beyond the adequate facilities for education. In Louisiana scarcely one-quarter of the colored school population is enrolled in the attendance of the schools, and in many of the other large States of the South less than one-half of the colored school population is enrolled; and some idea of the public-school system of the South may be gathered from the fact that South Carolina, with a population of 1,168,000, expends for each scholar annually, on account of sites, buildings, furniture, salaries, and all other purposes, only \$3.03; while Wisconsin, with 1,106,300 population, expends for the same purpose \$22.55.

No better work is being done anywhere in the South than in the schools of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society. We have instructed more than 100,000 students. The great majority of the colored physicians, a large share of the colored teachers, and most of the colored preachers in all the States of the South, have been instructed in our Methodist schools. With these facts before us, should we not take a collection in every charge and make strenuous efforts to raise our full apportionment?

We urge, in view of the uncertain conditions in the financial world, the most faithful and earnest work upon the part of the executive department of this Society, that the debt be not funded but canceled, thereby stopping interest.

The collection of the Cincinnati Conference this year will amount to \$5,283.

A. T. GOWGILL, <i>Secretary.</i>	J. H. LEASE, <i>Chairman.</i>
R. S. RUST,	J. D. DARLING.
D. A. MCCOLM,	

LAKESIDE.

WE congratulate the Lakeside Camp-meeting Association on the payment of its debt, and upon the great success of the present season. There was a large increase of interest and attendance upon the Assembly. Distinguished lecturers were present, and discussed, in a most profitable way, literary, social, and scientific subjects. The administration has been most efficient and satisfactory.

A large number of Cincinnati Conference people have identified themselves with the interests of Lakeside. Its easy access; its great healthfulness, from bracing atmosphere and excellent sanitary conditions; its superior cottage and hotel accommodations, at reasonable rates, make it a most desirable resort.

While offering these advantages, we note, and especially commend, the deep religious spirit and the wholesome Christian restraint thrown about the young. We commend Lakeside to our people, and recommend that the Conference elect Dr. R. H. Rust and L. D. Reynolds as trustees of the Association.

R. H. RUST, *President*.

L. E. PRENTISS, *Secretary*.

MISSIONS.

OUR Missionary Society is organized on the broad principle and in the universalistic spirit of the Gospel, which knows no geographical nor race distinctions. Every human soul is alike near to God; with Him there is no foreign and home, but all are objects of his love. The motive of patriotism may prompt each nation to seek chiefly the evangelization of its own people; but it is the evidence of the law of self-preservation, not of the law of Christian love.

The Society has been charged with so dividing its funds as to show a preference for the work abroad; but we do not think the charge is well sustained. Out of every dollar, only five cents more than the half goes to the foreign field, and in that field this pays all the expenses included at home under the head of pastoral support, current expenses, erection of churches, building and maintaining schools, etc., so that the fifty-five cents taken from every missionary dollar for the foreign work does for all the world outside of the United States what all other regular and benevolent agencies combined do at home. Besides, the Missionary Society aids in the support of about three thousand pastors in our own country, two-thirds of whom would be compelled to give up their fields of labor but for such support.

While our people are to be commended for their past contributions to the missionary cause, we do not believe that we are half-way to the limit of possibility in this direction; and we deeply regret that for the period of about ten years our contributions for missions have gradually fallen off. In order to render missionary interest more general, and to perpetuate and increase it where it already exists, we recommend that the monthly missionary prayer-meeting be revived where it has fallen into disuse, and that it be made more efficient everywhere; that the Week of Self-denial, which this year comes just before Thanksgiving-day, be generally observed; that Epworth League chapters be encouraged to participate in the proposed Thanksgiving offering; that a special day, and a whole day, be set apart for the cause of missions each year; that Easter offerings be received in the Sunday-schools, and that, wherever possible, Easter Sunday be made missionary day; and that, since the organization which depends most on the children and youth will be the one which shall have the largest future support, the Sunday-school Missionary

Society be made an agency for increasing the love of the children for the General Missionary Society.

In conclusion, we wish to express our sense of loss, in common with the whole Church, in the death of Secretary Peck; and to gratefully record our pleasure at the safe return from his tour of inspection of our beloved brother, the efficient Corresponding Secretary of our Missionary Society, Doctor Leonard.

C. W. BARNES, *Chairman*.

C. W. RISHELL, *Secretary*.

THE JOHN MEARS REQUEST.

YOUR Committee, to whom was referred certain papers relating to the John Mears Bequest to the Ladies' Home Missionary Society, located in Cincinnati, Ohio, beg leave to report as follows:

1. The Ladies' Home Missionary Society of Cincinnati is a beneficiary of the John Mears bequest.
2. The said Ladies' Home Missionary Society has ceased to maintain its organization.
3. That whenever said Ladies' Home Missionary Society shall revive its organization, the trustees of the John Mears bequest are hereby instructed to pay the proceeds due that Society to its legally constituted officers according to the terms of the will.
4. That it is the judgment of the Cincinnati Conference that the proceeds of that part of the John Mears bequest that belongs to the Ladies' Home Missionary Society should be used exclusively for carrying on missionary work in the city of Cincinnati.
5. That, until the Ladies' Home Missionary Society shall be revived and reorganized, the trustees should retain its share of the proceeds of the bequest in their own hands.

A. B. LEONARD,

S. B. SMITH.

PARSONAGES.

THE question of supplying all the pastoral charges within the bounds of the Conference with parsonages ought to receive the attention of the membership in the charges as yet unsupplied with parsonages. Springfield District has two charges without parsonages. Dayton District has six charges with no parsonage. Georgetown has eight unsupplied. Hillsboro District has two charges unsupplied, and the Cincinnati District twenty-four charges with no homes for their pastors. There are one hundred and fifty-nine appointments within the bounds of the Conference, and forty-two of these charges have no home for their pastor, and to secure rented property as a parsonage is often very difficult, and, when secured, it is sometimes inconvenient and often unsatisfactory.

We therefore recommend that all the pastoral charges as yet unsupplied take steps during the coming Conference year to build a parsonage, as far as it is practicable to do so.

We also recommend that each pastor appointed to a charge this year shall bring the matter of building before his people.

We also recommend that the indebtedness on parsonage property be liquidated as speedily as possible, and that all parsonage trustees see to it that the property is insured and kept insured; and we reaffirm the action of former years, and heartily indorse the remarks and the recommendation of the presiding elder of the Springfield District, that all parsonages be furnished with heavy furniture, thereby saving the burden and expense of transportation. It is time our parsonages have all the conveniences of a modern home.

A. M. GRIFFITH, *Secretary*. J. VERITY, *President*.

E. MCHUGH,

A. HAMILTON,

C. H. KALBFUS,

H. G. CURLESS.

PERIODICALS.

THE increased popularity, during the past few years, of our denominational literature, is a fact that we note with pleasure. We believe that more of our people could profitably, and without financial embarrassment, become subscribers and readers of our *Advocates*. Let it be hoped that the time is not far distant when one or more of our papers shall be in the hands of every official member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

We especially commend to the laity of the Cincinnati Conference the *Western Christian Advocate* and the *Epworth Herald*.

We heartily indorse the *Methodist Review*, and while thus particularly recommending it to our preachers, would also hold it up to the favor of our membership.

In view of the importance of our people being supplied with pure literature, we urge upon our preachers the obligation to secure as large a circulation of our periodicals as practicable, and we insist that all our publications shall be so conducted as to maintain the highest standard of excellence, and furnish for the patron a wholesome grade of reading.

We again commend the successful administration of the Book Concern, and gratefully acknowledge the large dividends for the claimants to our Conference.

E. S. LEWIS, *President*.

GILBERT P. AUSTIN, *Secretary*.

PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

YOUR Committee begs leave to submit the following report for the Minute account of 1893:

We published twenty-eight hundred and fifty copies of the Minutes, which, in general appearance and workmanship, are not surpassed by any in the Church. This recognition is due to the superior facilities possessed by our Book Concern for such publications.

The Treasurer's accounts show the following as the business of the year:

RECEIPTS—Advertisements (net),	\$232 10
Sale of Minutes,	224 00
Conference Stewards,	5 00
Conference Treasurer,	11 53
	<hr/> \$472 63
EXPENSES—Printing and publishing,	\$430 05
Conference expenses,	11 53
	<hr/> 442 58
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	\$30 05
Due from preachers on Minute account,	22 33
Due on advertising account of 1891,	10 00
Respectfully submitted.	S. O. Royal, <i>Chairman</i> .

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

THE Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Conference Publishing Committee, and those of Frank G. Mitchell, Treasurer of the American University Fund, and those of the Conference Treasurer, upon investigation, find them correct. We further take pleasure in reporting that great care is being taken by our Publishing Committee in keeping a correct record of all their work.

L. M. DAVIS,
L. O. DEPUTY,
C. W. GULLETTE.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the presence of Bishop D. A. Goodsell, D. D., as presiding officer of the Cincinnati Conference, has been a blessing to the Conference. His genial smile, his kindly voice, his loving heart, as well as his skill, grace, and courtesy as a presiding officer, have endeared him to his brethren. We shall follow him with our prayers, and shall welcome him again whenever, in the providence of God, he shall return to preside over the Cincinnati Conference.

Resolved, That we sincerely appreciate the self-sacrificing services of the other officers of our Conference, including the Bishop's Cabinet; our Secretary, S. O. Royal, and his assistants; our Statistical Secretary, W. J. Baker, and his assistants; and to our Treasurer, C. W. Elliott, and his assistants. And also that we acknowledge the efficient services of Dr. D. J. Starr, Rev. R. E. Smith, and other conscientious reporters, and of the newspapers which they represent.

Resolved, That we express to the people of Wilmington the sense of pleasure that has been ours since our coming here. They have welcomed us to their town, to their homes, to their churches, and to their public halls; in every way they have shown themselves to be Christian hosts, understanding true fellowship and brotherly love. We trust that it may not be twenty years before we again have the privilege of being their guests. May the peace of God abide in this town!

Resolved, That we express to Rev. E. T. Lane and to his Committee of Arrangements our gratitude for their thoughtful provision for all our wants; to the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church and of the other Churches, and of the town hall, for the use of these well-equipped edifices; and to the sextons of these buildings.

Resolved, That we have appreciated the services of our excellent choir and of all other musicians; and the work of the ladies of the Church in their beautiful and tasteful decorations.

Resolved, That to Rev. E. O. Buxton and J. M. Meeker, transfers into our Conference, we extend the heartiest welcome, and that we make them feel, by our cordial reception, that they have come among brethren. And that to Revs. E. S. Lewis, M. J. Cramer, and Henry Witham, who have gone to other fields of labor, we send God-speeds and wishes for truest success in abundant labors for the Master till he shall call them home.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference be tendered to the Central Traffic Association for privileges granted.

GEO. V. MORRIS, *Secretary*.

J. R. HUNTER, *Chairman*.
W. A. DEATON.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

WE, your Committee on Sabbath Observance, beg leave to report:

The Sabbath is one of the divine gifts to man, founded in the necessities of his deepest spiritual and physical being. No man can neglect it, no community can violate it, no nation can abrogate it, without meeting the inexorable results of such infractions of the law of God.

Our American liberties are largely connected with the weekly day of rest. This day has given the people time to think, and read, and enjoy family life, and without it we should have become an ignorant, brutish machine-people, like the low peasantry of Continental Europe. Take away this rest-day, and you undermine our high moral and educational condition as a people; you turn us into a nation of mere "workies." The cry of religious oppression, as against Sunday observance, is a device of the enemy. It is but the voice of soulless corporations, and of the proprietors of drinking-saloons and other demoralizing places, who wish to make their great gains on Sunday, and care nothing for the welfare and happiness of the people. They are the oppressors, and the advocates of a day of rest are the staunch supporters of a true freedom.

America has three bulwarks of liberty—a free ballot, a free school, and a free Sunday—and neither domestic treachery nor foreign impudence should be permitted to break them down.

The day of holy rest, to lands bearing the Christian name, and to a republic based on equal rights, has the highest civil worth. Man needs it physically, as a season when labor may wipe off its grime and breathe more freely after the week's exhaustion, and when care shall slacken its hold upon the frame and the heart. Man needs it morally, to rise by its aid out of engrossing secularities and materialism to the remembrance of his spiritual interests, his final account, and his eternal destiny. Toil needs it to rescue its share of rest, and its season of devotion from the absorbing despotism of capital; and capital needs it to shield its own accumulations from the recklessness and anarchy of an inbruted and desperate proletariat, and to keep its own humanity and conscientiousness alive. The State needs it as a safeguard of the public order, quiet, and virtue; human laws becoming, however wise in form, effete in practice, except as they are based upon conscience, and upon the sanctions of eternity, as recognized voluntarily by an intelligent people; and God's day cultivating the one, and reminding us of the other. And in a republic, more especially, whose liberties, under God, inhere in its virtues, the recognition freely and devoutly, by an instructed nation, of God's paramount rights, is the moral underpinning requisite to sustain the superstructure of man's rights. Therefore,

Resolved, 1. That we commend the efforts made, and literature issued by the American Sabbath Union in their work to preserve the Sabbath-day to our people.

2. We will, both by preaching and practice, do all in our power to create and sustain a higher standard of public opinion and life in regard to this holy day.

A. N. SPAHR, *Chairman*.

C. L. CONGER, *Secretary*.

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

IN taking cognizance of the State of the Church, your Committee has thought wise to confine its attention exclusively to those conditions in regard to which practical suggestions may be offered.

The most remarkable fact of the century is the migration of people from the country to the city in numbers so vast that, within twenty-five years or less, half our population will be gathered into congested centers.

Observation teaches that a large proportion of the people who remove to the great cities are so overcome by their new environment, and lost in the mass of humanity, that they lapse in their religious life, and never enter the churches. This unhappy condition is aggravated for the down-town Churches by the general exodus of well-to-do people from the city to the suburbs—a movement which has already resulted in the extinction of a painfully large number of Churches in districts where they are most needed, and is now threatening the existence of others.

To meet this critical situation requires an adaptation of polity and practice, attainable more easily by Methodism than by any other Protestant denomination. In the thinly-populated regions we have only to return to our Methodist circuit system, which had its origin in a rural life in England and America more difficult and discouraging in its requirements than that which confronts us now.

In the down-town districts of great cities we must end the folly of weakening our already struggling Churches by splitting up our forces, and planting new and independent Churches and missions in localities where their energies must be expended in the mere struggle to survive. New churches are needed, and we must have them; but we must first abandon the failing policy under which a score of Churches have already gone to pieces, and as many more are in a weak or dying condition; we are in no pressing need of new churches so long as the old ones are more than half empty. The day for dissipating our energies by the competitive system of Church-work has gone by; nor has the time come for the relegation of any of our work to local mission boards or societies. The real demand of the hour is for what may properly be called an ecclesiastical trust. We must so adapt our polity to changed conditions that we may be enabled to concentrate our forces and strengthen the things which remain.

To this end your Committee would submit for your consideration the advisability of grouping round each of the larger and more centrally located churches in cities the other churches located in contiguous territory, with a superintending pastor at the head of the group, and the other pastors as a staff of associates. The limits of time will not permit us to elaborate the plan. But we are convinced that if it were put into operation, it would rally our forces for united and aggressive work; it would give to each Church the strength and support of all; it would furnish a base of operations from which to project other and new churches into unoccupied territory; it would train up men to take the places of those who are compelled to move on from time to time, for no reason except the inexorable rule of the time-limit. No material alteration would be required in the Discipline. Indeed, this was originally and exclusively the Methodist plan, and other denominations have been shrewd enough to borrow it, and demonstrate the folly of our ever having abandoned it. Their experience goes to prove that the advantages to be derived from it are so incalculable that the difficulties in the way of its immediate adoption should not receive serious consideration.

The changed conditions in city and country have already become so exacting upon the time and strength of the preachers in charge, that the pastoral work has had to suffer, and the time is coming when we shall have to return to the obsolete, but none the less valuable, class-leader system. We are getting back to that peculiar condition which once made the class-leader, not only a possibility, but a necessity. If the sheep of the fold are to receive the attention they need, the preacher will be obliged to have a corps of picked men and women, possessed of intelligence and piety, to supplement his labors as a pastor. We are convinced that it would be by no means an impossibility to carry out the provisions of the Discipline in this behalf, if the original idea of the class-leader as a sub-pastor were to be worked out with tact and patience.

The most lamentable fact of which we are obliged to take cognizance is the alienation of the people, and especially of men, from so many of our Churches. We are convinced that this anomalous condition in the Church

of John Wesley is not to be explained on the ground that we have not enough evangelistic or pastoral work, nor that we have too much. We need more of it; but we are lacking in prophets and apostles. The reason that more of the brawn and muscle of mankind is not with us, is because we have presented to them too much of an emasculated type of piety. We have been bent on the salvation of the individual soul to the neglect of the conditions under which that soul lives every day in the week, and of the whole subject of social righteousness. We have been so taken up with the kingdom of heaven that we have failed to do enough towards bringing that kingdom down to earth. We have fallen into the same sin of omission which alienated from the Church of the Reformation the manhood of Europe; to this day the reaction against Rome is so strong that we are swung from the Romish extreme of collectivism to that other and scarcely less deadly extreme of individualism. Methodism, as the Hon. Carroll D. Wright shows in one of the volumes of the Tenth Census, is something more than a revival of religion. It was identified in its beginning with that social and industrial revolution in the last century, which, in its momentous consequences, constituted that period the most important in the industrial history of the world. The reader of John Wesley's journals will be struck with the fact that he was not merely a revivalist, but pre-eminently a preacher of righteousness. His power to reach men was due to the fact that he went out into the highways and by-ways, where they were to be found—not confining his ministry to the appointed place of worship—and then he declared unto them the whole counsel of God, the law and the prophets as summed up in the Golden Rule, and the gospel as embodied in the new commandment given by the Master. The Methodists of to-day, to reach men, must return to the open air, the stump, the street-corner, the theater, the music-hall, the lecture-room, anywhere that they can gain a hearing, and proclaim to the people the gospel of the kingdom of God on earth.

The work of God requires money. We are glad to note that the benevolent collections this year, notwithstanding the financial stringency, have made a net gain of more than \$3,500. It is certain, however, that the great debts now burdening our benevolent societies, and the constantly increasing demands of the work of the Church, will multiply the calls for money, to the irritation of many of the people. Anniversaries are good; special appeals are necessary; catch-penny schemes are questionable. We submit that the time has come for us to adopt a definite policy of education for the people, to teach them to give a fixed proportion of their income to religious and benevolent purposes.

Lastly, we call your attention to the fact, that in our Annual Conferences, we have a place provided for the discussion of almost every subject except the general work of God in our midst. We recommend, therefore, that at our present session, we adopt the practice of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of England, by incorporating in our regular order of business hereafter a Conversation on the Work of God, to be presided over by the Bishop. In this transition period, with its rapidly changing conditions, nothing could be more inspiring than an intelligent review of the whole field, reports of special successes, and a discussion on a lofty plane of the conditions and needs of the Church.

J. W. MAGRUDER, *Secretary*.
 PHILIP TROUT,
 R. B. AUSTIN,
 G. P. AUSTIN,

A. BOWERS, *Chairman*.
 H. C. WEAKLEY,
 HENRY HERSHEY.

SUSTENTATION OF SUPERANNUATES AND OTHER CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.

YOUR Committee respectfully submit, as their report, a modified plan, based on that recommended by the Temporal Economy Committee of the General Conference of 1892, and the Annuity Plan adopted by many Annual Conferences.

Each Annual Conference shall devote one service at each annual session, to be known as Veteran's Anniversary, to the consideration of the claims upon the Church of the superannuated preachers, their widows and orphans. Each congregation shall observe a Sunday, to be known as Veteran's-day, upon which the pastor shall present this cause to the members of the Church, and emphasize their obligations to the Conference claimants separate from any other interest. Each Annual Conference shall establish a Conference Permanent Fund, the income of which shall be added to the collections for its own Conference claimants, for annual distribution.

All moneys received for annual distribution in aid of the support of Conference claimants shall be divided into two sums. The first, consisting of 25 per cent of the whole, shall be called the Annuity Fund; the second, consisting of 75 per cent of the whole, shall be called the Necessitous Fund. All superannuated ministers, the widows, and children under fifteen years of age, of deceased ministers, shall, upon application personally or by letter, be Conference claimants.

1. The Annuity Fund shall be divided among the claimants upon the following basis: Each minister who shall apply, in person or by letter, shall receive annually ten dollars for each year of his effective service; each widow, applying in person or by letter, shall receive annually five dollars for each year in which she was the wife of her husband during his effective ministry; each child under fifteen years of age shall receive in addition one-fifth its father's claim. These claims shall be paid *pro rata* from the moneys in hand.

2. The Necessitous Fund shall be divided among those claimants whose annuities are insufficient for their needs, in such proportions as the Committee on Conference Claimants may deem equitable.

3. The gross allowance to each claimant, from the above funds, shall be reported to and approved by the Annual Conference.

4. Each member of the Annual Conference, except those who are superannuated, shall contribute annually at least the sum of one dollar and one-half of one per cent of his salary to the Annuity Fund.

5. No application for an annuity shall be considered unless the applicant has complied with the requirement in paragraph 4.

THE CHARTERED FUND.

Your Committee have carefully considered the papers referred in relation to the Chartered Fund, and respectfully submit the following:

WHEREAS, The General Conference of 1888 adopted a resolution pledging the delegations "to bring the matter of increasing this Connectional Fund to the special attention of the Annual Conferences," and to "make an effort all over our work to increase the Chartered Fund, by soliciting bequests and donations to the same;" therefore,

Resolved, 1. That this Annual Conference recommends that the General Conference of 1896 shall adopt some plan for the celebration of the Centennial of the Chartered Fund, which shall so present its benevolent object to the Church that, by concerted contribution, a large addition may be made to its invested fund.

Resolved, 2. That we will heartily co-operate with the Corresponding Secretary in his work of presenting this cause to the Church. We will permit him to occupy our pulpits, in this interest, at such times as may

be mutually satisfactory, and will further aid him by helping him to secure the assistance of the members of our Churches in carrying out the plans of the Board of Trustees for the increase of this fund.

GEO. K. MORRIS, *Secretary*.

JOHN H. LEASE,

WM. RUNYAN,

R. E. SMITH,

G. W. DUBOIS,

M. LESOURD.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CAUSE.

THE Sunday-school Union, during its history, has impressed its importance on every thoughtful mind and heart; yet the breadth and depth of its work, probably, is not as fully comprehended as it should be. During the past year it has aided more than 3,000 schools of our Church, of which 633 were new organizations. Not only does its helping influence bless and elevate the children of our own homes, but also is felt among the colored people of the South, and the American Indian of the frontier, while the 1,200 schools, 14,214 officers and teachers, and 70,800 scholars among the foreign population of our land, and the 2,968 schools, 7,131 officers and teachers, and 138,966 scholars in foreign lands, are demonstrations sufficient to prove that God's favor has rested upon this work. But only a beginning has been made, and not until the millions of the neglected youth at home and abroad are educated for right, truth, and God, should we think for a moment of relaxing our efforts to raise our apportioned share, \$1,234, for this cause.

Last year the Cincinnati Conference raised \$526, or an average contribution per member of one cent and one mill.

The following resolutions are submitted for adoption:

Resolved, 1. That the apportionment to this Conference of \$1,234 be accepted, and we recommend that our presiding elders apportion this amount to the several charges, and those charges which take no collection for this cause be required to give the reason, and are all earnestly urged to raise the full amount.

2. That all schools within our denomination use the literature issued by the Methodist Book Concern, and be impressed with the fact that to be a loyal Methodist Episcopal Sabbath-school means to be loyal to the publications of the Church.

3. That, wherever it is practicable, normal classes for the better training of teachers, be organized, and we urge, not only the officers and teachers, but also the parents, to require the children to devote more time during the week to the study of the lessons, and in no instance to allow the lesson helps to usurp the place of the Bible in the Sabbath-school class.

F. E. VANCE, *Secretary*.

J. A. WINKLER,

CHAS. HARTLEY,

C. T. CRUM, *Chairman*.

J. H. McNARY,

C. J. WELLS.

THE SUPPRESSION OF VICE.

WHEREAS, The publication and circulation of immoral books, papers and pictures is one of the prevailing evils of our times, and has done and is doing much to subvert virtue and destroy social purity and domestic happiness, by corrupting the thoughts and lives of all classes, especially the young; and

WHEREAS, The Society for the Suppression of Vice has destroyed over five tons of such publications, and has, during the past year, secured the arrest, conviction, and imprisonment of thirty persons, aggregating a term of over eight and a half years, and fines of \$3,725; and

WHEREAS, The Cincinnati Branch of the Society for the Suppression of Vice is within the bounds of our Conference; therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Cincinnati Conference that we heartily indorse the good work which is being done by this Society, and that we assure its officers of our co-operation with them in their great and difficult work in the interests of humanity.

D. J. STARR,	W. A. ROBINSON,
J. P. PORTER,	L. E. PRENTISS,
R. H. RUST,	J. VERITY.

TEMPERANCE.

THE financial cost of the liquors consumed in drink in the United States each year is, according to Government reports, about \$800,000,000; but the ablest statisticians estimate that the loss in time and skill and health, and the cost of accidents and crimes resulting from the drink, amounts to as much as the original cost of the liquors. The total, direct and indirect, financial cost of the liquor-traffic, therefore, in our own nation alone, is not less than \$1,600,000,000 a year, as compared with the financial burden of \$1,200,000 a year for the five years during which we prosecuted the greatest war in history. This enormous drain so saps the financial strength of the United States that, despite the unparalleled energies of our people and our rich heritage as a nation, we are periodically brought to the verge of bankruptcy. We recognize the importance of sound laws relating to the currency and the commerce of our people. We believe that very important reforms, in addition to the abolition of the drink-traffic, are demanded in the interests of the laboring classes; indeed, we recognize that the drink-traffic itself is, in some measure, affected by the bad environment of the poorer classes. But we appeal to history for the justification of our judgment that the enormous drain upon our resources through intemperance is the greatest single cause of commercial distress with which the nation is confronted; and we record our solemn conviction that the United States must banish the liquor-traffic or face bankruptcy. In view of these facts, the consent of our people to a system of taxation or license by which we receive a revenue of some \$300,000,000 a year from the traffic, and legalize an evil which costs us \$1,600,000,000, is a policy whose folly, from the point of view of statesmanship, is surpassed only by its iniquity from the point of view of morals. The Nation or the State which legalizes the traffic is guilty of sin, and of incredible folly added to its sin.

When we reflect that the saloon is not simply the greatest legalized sin of our nation, but the greatest curse of Europe, every statesman and lover of civilization ought to be earnestly struggling for its abolition. We can account for the political stupor upon this question only by the deadening of the public conscience through our unholy partnership with this iniquity. As surely as civilization advances, so surely will the people of the twentieth century denounce as barbarous the nations and political parties which, by law, become partners in the traffic; and they will be obliged to attribute the action of individual Christians who by their votes legalize the traffic, or by their silence tolerate it, either to their ignorance or to their cowardice. Every consideration of material progress, of patriotism, and of advancing civilization, leads us to assume an attitude of relentless hostility to this evil.

But it is not simply or chiefly because we desire the material prosperity of our nation; it is not simply as patriots, or as advocates of a higher civilization, that Methodist preachers desire the abolition of intemperance. It is because all men instinctively recognize the saloon as the greatest enemy of the kingdom of God now legalized by the nation. It is because, in almost every city in the land, for every Church open from six to fifteen hours a week for the salvation of men, there are three or four saloons open fifteen hours a day for six days a week, and often seven,

for their destruction. It is because the Bible says that no drunkard can enter the kingdom of heaven. It is because tens upon tens of thousands of our brothers are going down to drunkards' graves and to the drunkard's doom. So long and so intensely as we love our brothers, so long and so intense will be our opposition to the saloon.

WHAT CAN WE NOW DO?

First, we can pray for those who are drinking, that they may be delivered from this evil appetite; and for the young, that they may escape from this insidious temptation. We can pray for ourselves, that we may give this subject more thought, and always have the courage of our convictions, but that we may speak the truth in love. We can pray for all advocates of temperance. It is time the temperance people, even if they can not agree as to the best methods of reform, should cease firing into each other, close ranks, and turn their guns toward the common enemy. We can pray for saloon-keepers—our brothers—for whose wicked choices our defective teaching and our imperfect lives are in part to blame. May they be enlightened, convicted, converted, and turn from their wicked ways to serve the living God!

Again, we can send hearty greetings and God-speed to every organization and to every Church engaged in the struggle against the saloon. We commend the Anti-saloon League to all good citizens. We demand the enactment of the Haskell County-option Bill by the coming Legislature. We are proud of the uncompromising stand of our General Conference, and the clear utterances of our Discipline in regard to this subject, and believe that we, as ministers, can contribute materially to this reform, if we follow the suggestions of our Discipline in regard to temperance agitation and organizations in every Church. We commend the Epworth Guard pledge against all intoxicating drinks and tobacco. We heartily appreciate the provisions for teaching the poisonous effects of alcohol adopted in our public schools, and pray the teachers to be unremitting in their efforts to train up a generation which shall deliver the nation from this great plague. We commend the Knights of Pythias for their noble opposition to rum-sellers—an opposition which, in its spirit and management, marks them as true successors of the knightly heroes of former ages. We express our hearty appreciation of the efforts of Bishop Watterson and Ablegate Satolli, and other Roman Catholics, to lift up the standard of temperance in that Church. We send hearty greetings to the leaders in Maine and Kansas in upholding the standard of prohibition, and pray that our brethren in Iowa may soon recover the ground recently lost in their conflict with the saloons. We bid the World's Women's Christian Temperance Union a hearty welcome to our noble State for their coming annual convention, and pray that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit in the future, as in the past, in their noble work. We hail the commissions appointed by the leading nations of Europe for the investigation of the problem of intemperance as an indication of world-wide unrest under this evil, and as a promise of future agitation and reform. All around the horizon we discover signs of the coming battle, and we welcome the conflict. We are sure of triumph in this struggle, because we are on God's side, and he never knows defeat. But our deliverance will come only through a heroic struggle, which demands the highest qualities of leadership and the spirit of martyrdom. May God send us wisdom and courage and heroism for the conflict. With charity for all engaged in the battle against intemperance; with pity, rather than bitterness, for those engaged in this iniquity, we pledge ourselves to wage this conflict with every honorable weapon and with unwavering devotion, until we or our children see the last saloon disappear from God's earth, and the last drunkard brought to the foot of the cross.

J. W. BASHFORD,	M. SWADENER,
THOS. CUNDY,	C. M. VAN PELT,
T. S. COWDEN,	WM. H. SUTHERLAND.
D. D. CHENEY,	

TRACT CAUSE.

THE Tract Committee, in their report, beg leave to call your attention to the following facts:

The tract is a great evangelizing instrumentality on account of (1) its inexpensiveness, as it may be purchased at little more than the cost of printing, or may even be obtained as a grant, without charge; (2) its adaptation to almost every variety of need; (3) its convenience and ease in circulation; (4) its brevity, making a tract acceptable, and causing it to be read when a book would be neglected.

The Tract Society of our Church commands a vast assortment of literature which is at the service of our pastors and tract committees, and should, therefore, be used at every possible opportunity to bring the world to Christ. The Tract Society asks of the entire Church an annual contribution of \$50,000, of which the apportioned share of this Conference is \$1,234. Last year there were twenty-two charges that failed to take their collection for this Society.

That more interest in, and enthusiasm for, this cause be manifested, we recommend that the amount apportioned to this Conference be approved and apportioned by the presiding elders *pro rata* among the charges, and that we do our best to raise it during the coming year.

A. B. AUSTIN,	D. C. WASHBURN,
J. R. COLLEY,	D. S. EWRY.
GEO. W. VORHIS.	

V.

MISCELLANY.

TREASURER OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITY FUNDS.

To the Cincinnati Conference :

As Treasurer of the fund subscribed for the American University, I submit the following report:

In the list furnished me by the Conference Secretary, one subscription was recorded which had been incorrectly reported to him, and it can not therefore be counted.

Blank notes have been forwarded to all of the subscribers, and those returned, with others previously given, aggregate \$4,125.

Three brethren and one congregation, who did not give notes, have made payments amounting to \$191. The notes, cash, and remaining subscriptions give a total of \$5,950.

I have received money as follows: B. D. Hypes, \$5; Wm. Herr, \$100; Mulberry Street Church, Troy, in the name of Rev. V. F. Brown, \$76; R. E. Smith, \$33; F. E. Vance, \$8; G. L. Tufts, \$33; L. O. Deputy, \$5; C. W. Rishell, \$6; S. O. Royal, \$33; C. J. Wells, \$5; H. D. Ketcham, \$43; J. L. Dalbey, \$1; C. M. Van Pelt, \$10; total, \$358.

The disbursements are:

For postage,	\$3 00
M. G. Emery, Treasurer American University,	100 00
Paid for account book,	30
Total,	\$103 30
Cash on hand,	254 70
Total,	\$358 00

FRANK G. MITCHELL,
Conference Treasurer for American University.

ABSTRACT OF THE MINUTES

OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CINCINNATI CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Invested funds,	\$6,400
Little Miami Railroad bond,	\$1,500 00
Sundry secured notes,	4,400 00
In bank,	500 00

Receipts for the Year ending September 5, 1894.

Interest on railroad bond,	\$120 00
Interest on notes,	314 00
From a suspended bank,	111 00
Total,	\$545 00

Disbursements for the Year ending September 5, 1894.

Traveling expenses of Treasurer,	\$4 88
Taxes on Madisonville lot,	2 68
Recording mortgages,	2 00
Paid Board of Stewards of Cincinnati Conference,	535 44
Total,	\$545 00

The Board at present is constituted as follows:

Wm. L. Hypes, President; Sylvester Weeks, Secretary; James T. Bail, Treasurer; Wm. Herr, Jolin F. Loyd, Henry C. Weakley, James P. Porter.

Attest: SYLVESTER WEEKS, Secretary.

WILMINGTON, O., September 5, 1894.

REPORT CONCERNING DR. LOWREY'S VISIT AND SERMON.

IN the half century of the membership and ministry of Rev. Asbury Lowrey, D. D., this Conference is especially fortunate. In large degree he has added to our historic fame; for all this time, from a sturdy young manhood, with his vigorous and cultured mind and his grand bodily physique consecrated to the Christian ministry, to the ripe age of nearly fourscore years, and with his mental and spiritual forces in full play, he has stood among us, fully the equal of his Conference associates. His record is not only replete with singular constancy and devotion, but also as a Christian minister of rare moral integrity, of unusually rich intellectual gifts and grace, whose noble course has been a legacy of unfading luster as a leader of men and a winner of souls.

His godly ancestry and excellent early training laid the foundations for his colossal moral stature in the sphere he has so well filled. His long life among us, especially for the last two and a half decades, has been prolific of the blessed fruit of a full and God-honored consecration. His presence and services at this session have been greatly blessed to our enrichment. His sermon, clear and strong in its analysis and showing of Christian experience, was also marked by great simplicity. In tone and pathos it is unrivaled. As he stood before us, bowed and feeble in body, yet bearing the impress upon his countenance of a saintly glory, his intellect and soul shone forth with great strength. The impression was one of high moral grandeur. Not often is it given to mortals to produce such a sweeping ascendancy of God's truth over the hearers, as was accorded to our honored brother. The scene will never be forgotten. His statement of Christian doctrine was faultless. His testimony from his own experience, corroborating the doctrine, was clear and convincing. It was embodied in the answers he gave to the question, "What has sanctification done for me?" as follows: "My enjoyments as the results of sanctification became more rich and less fluctuating. It has saved me from the love of money; from hypochondria and blue Monday; from evil speaking; from cynical criticism of my brethren. It has saved me from inordinate ambition for place and power."

His counsels to young men as to the way they should present the doctrines of Christianity deserve to be printed in golden capitals and placed conspicuously in all young ministers' studies. He says: "I would not advise any pastor to make holiness, or any other one doctrine, an exclusive theme in the pulpit. I never did so when a pastor. . . . I have an unalterable conviction that the doctrines of the Bible should be presented in their due relations and proportions to each other. My making holiness a specialty was because there had been a dangerous drifting away from preach-

ing the doctrine and emphasizing the experience of holiness; but it was always done in the truest loyalty to the Church."

Lovely and conspicuous was his bringing forth fruit in old age; gorgeous was his life's eventide, and marvelous were the cheer and the gladness of his present day.

The following passages express these glowing facts:

"I have now preached fifty-six years and six months, consecutively, as a Methodist itinerant—precious years, happy years, notwithstanding all my imperfections. I have often wished I might live my life over again, that I might improve it. If the privilege were granted, I fear my mistakes would be greater than they have been. My retrospection is not only satisfactory—it is flecked with lights and shadows; but it is so sunlit with God's mercies as to fill me with gratitude and praise. I trust I may say, without presumption and without provoking dissent, that I am ripe and ready for my transfer by the Shepherd and Bishop of souls to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem."

R. S. RUST,	THOMAS H. PEARNE, <i>Chairman.</i>
W. I. FEE,	M. DUSTIN,
W. L. HYPES,	E. T. WELLS.
A. B. LEONARD,	

CINCINNATI CHURCH EXTENSION SOCIETY.

THE Cincinnati Church Extension Society addresses the Cincinnati Conference in a new relation to-day. Heretofore it has reported by courtesy the work of a purely local organization; to-day it reports as the Cincinnati representative of the National City Evangelization Union, recognized and established by the last General Conference.

The past year has been one of enforced conservatism. An extension of the mission-work was earnestly anticipated; but the condition of the times made it impracticable, and indeed the whole year has been devoted to maintaining the work heretofore established, and prospecting and planning for the future.

The membership in the missions has increased during the year, and the average attendance upon the Church services, Sunday-schools, prayer, class, and Epworth League meetings, shows an improved condition. The conversions have been distributed throughout the services of the year. In addition to the industrial schools and kindergartens, this year gives us a short-hand class, a reading-room, and open-air meetings. The Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home has rendered the Society invaluable services by appointing deaconesses to each of the missions, who have faithfully and systematically performed their duties.

The Society holds title to four Church properties: McLean, valued at \$10,000; Camp Washington, \$5,000; O'Bryonville, \$5,000, and McMicken, \$9,000; total \$29,000. There was paid on the old debt \$236. The present mortgage indebtedness is \$15,269.

The Society has paid the Superintendent's salary, \$2,000; house-rent, \$500; salaries of three helpers, \$1,223.16; current expense, paid on debt, rents, interest, sextons, light, fuel, \$3,952.41; total expenditures, \$7,675.57.

The current receipts for the year from all sources amount to \$6,870.17. The deficit for the year is \$805.40, against which the Society holds unpaid subscriptions in the amount of \$200. The floating debt will then be increased \$605.40.

Again the Society has received the indorsement of the dying in the bequest of \$1,000 by Mrs. Bishop Clark, which was immediately paid into the treasury.

Plans are maturing, through the generosity of one of our most loyal patrons, to establish an aggressive work among our Italians, who now

number some 6,000. A missionary from Italy, adapted by birth and class to the Italians of our city, will be brought to this country. The two Italian deaconesses of the Elizabeth Gamble Home will also be continued and maintained. Every care has been taken to organize an effective force, and the Society is hopeful of tangible results.

It is a matter of regret that our Superintendent has been compelled to devote so much of his time to the finances of the Society, but the indebtedness and the financial depression have made it necessary. Mr. Swadener, personally, has shown a practical appreciation of the financial situation, and a loyalty to the cause and Society, by proposing a reduction in his salary for the coming year of \$500.

The Society is about to enter upon an important epoch in its history. It has been invited by the representative organizations of the city—the Preachers' Meeting, the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home—to assume the supervision of all the existing Methodist missionary work in the city, with its collateral branches, as well as any new work which may be contemplated by any of these organizations. The Society has consented, thus enlarging the scope of its work, but concentrating under one management the united work of the denomination. Better results are expected when the plans are thoroughly developed.

The fourth Quarterly Conference of every charge in the Cincinnati District indorsed this Society by formal action, and set apart the 28th of October as "City Missionary Day," for the purpose of taking up a collection for its support. If any charge outside of this district has the great subject of city evangelization upon its heart, and the yearning desire turns towards the metropolis of the Conference, the Society will gladly furnish a programme of speakers whenever it wants to put the expression into practical form.

The Society can not well present, within the limits of this brief report, a comprehensive statement of its effort to cultivate the Satanized soil of our great city, but it presents it as the evidence of determination for the future. Hoping for your sympathetic consideration,

Respectfully, J. R. CLARK, *President*.

CINCINNATI, September 4, 1894.

BOARD FOR DEACONESS-WORK.

WITH thankful hearts to "Him whose we are and whom we serve," we record to-day the efficiency of the blessed ministry of our Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital. We heartily commend the work and workers. The spirit of the work is Christ-like. We rejoice in the ministry of these consecrated women, with hearts at leisure from themselves to soothe and sympathize. Our hearts were thrilled this past summer by hearing from a leading citizen of Ohio, in one of our interior cities, how, as these consecrated deaconess nurses waited upon him, he longed for the same cheerful, happy, holy spirit they manifested in all their service, and said to his companion: "Wife, what keeps these women so happy?" This man was converted while a patient in our Christ's Hospital, and has since gone to the land where inhabitants never say, "I am sick." May our Church take this precious work with most loving interest upon their hearts!

We heartily commend the entire work of this institution to the best thought and the hearty co-operation of the whole Church in our territory. We indorse the request of the Board of Trustees for the reappointment of Rev. H. C. Weakley, D. D., as Corresponding Secretary, and we approve of the request made by the Board of Trustees, that this Conference observe the Sabbath preceding Thanksgiving-day as Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital Day, the pastor to present this work and its claims, and take up a collection for the cause.

J. F. MARLAY, *President*.

DEACONESS HOME AND CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.

THE Elizabeth Ganble Deaconess Home and Christ's Hospital, situated on the commanding eminence of the Mt. Auburn hills, occupying the beautiful property formerly known as the Mt. Auburn Female Seminary, is permanently fixed as one of the noble and useful Christian institutions, not only of the great metropolis of Cincinnati, but of this section of the country. The necessity for such a Protestant institution is seen when it is remembered that, within the territory rightfully belonging to this institution, there are now established 86 Catholic Houses of Mercy, including 24 orphanages, 22 hospitals, and 12 Homes for the Aged, besides numerous other eleemosynary institutions. To offset these and other lines of charitable work, our great Church has only one hospital at Cincinnati and one orphanage at Berea. For this work the Catholic Church maintains over 7,500 sisters and nuns, while we have less than 50 sisters consecrated and set apart for this purpose in the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky. But in these institutions at Cincinnati, Methodism has something to which she can point with commendable pride, and it is the duty of our great Church to zealously guard and royally support these, that they may be a power for the relief of the poor, the sick, and the distressed; and be the means of bringing Protestant religion close to the great heart and need of humanity.

The attention of the Church at large is being called to the needs of our great centers of population, and the leaders of advanced movements in this line recognize in the deaconess an invaluable worker. All agree that the hospital is one of our most important institutions. Are we, as a Church, doing anything in the Central West that reflects more credit on us, as a denomination, than the founding of this sisterhood, and the operating of Christ's Hospital in Cincinnati? Our hospital was never so popular with the entire medical fraternity as it now is. Our pay department yields a larger income by far than ever; whereas 31 patients paid full rates last year, 83 did so this year. Last year the total earnings of the hospital were \$3,456.84; this year, \$6,925.36—over double that of the previous year. Every patient is expected to pay a moderate price for the benefits received, except those unfortunate cases without means to pay.

Please bear in mind that this is not a local charity. Of the 1,026 patients, only 467 were residents of Cincinnati. Of the 304 received during this year, 155 were free patients; 66 paid a small part of the cost; just 83 paid the regular rates. These all came from eight States, one from India, and one from Italy, and 100 of the 304 were surgical cases.

Three hundred dollars supports a free bed for one year, and \$5,000 will endow and name one in perpetuity. Our capacity at present is sixty-five beds. When we are able to furnish all the rooms, we can accommodate one hundred patients. Who will give \$100 to furnish a room?

Let the following statistics tell how our sisters, who give themselves to missionary activities, have wrought, *answering the cry of need*: Visits to the sick, 1,694; hours spent nursing the sick, 9,060; other visits made, 12,776; visits to prisons, 82; to the City Hospital, 116; and to the Home of Incurables, 3; Bible-readings in homes, 1,269; prayers offered in homes, 1,472; papers and tracts distributed, 35,841; Bibles, 118. Two kindergartens and three industrial schools were carried on throughout the year. They attended 1,264 meetings, and conducted 372; introduced 465 scholars into the Sunday-schools, and secured the regular attendance upon public worship of 198 persons who had hitherto entirely neglected that duty. They record 24 conversions directly through their efforts to lead souls to Christ. They carried 204 baskets of food to the needy, and gave away 1,605 garments, 61 pairs of shoes; also presented 1,330 bouquets to the sick or neglected.

We will let you estimate the time given, and value of such a gracious ministry. How much of sympathy, prayer, and conscientious effort these

brief statements involve! How many homes were brightened thereby, or hearts cheered and encouraged to take up their hard tasks again with hope! All this wrought by ladies, the majority of whom are pursuing the regular course of study, requiring hours of work daily.

It is a remarkable fact that during this past year of business depression, this great charity has been able to operate without any large increase of indebtedness. As there are many hundreds of Epworth League chapters within the field of this valuable work, it is recommended that the Epworth Leagues, especially through the Mercy and Help Department, help this work of God by sending to the Secretary, canned fruit, vegetables, clothing, flowers, and money.

We believe it is the duty of all Churches within its patronizing territory to co-operate in every way with this work. The work is too vast and the interests too many to be thrown upon the liberality of a single family. It should have for a constituency many praying hearts and many helping hands. Every Church that contributes a deaconess, a patient, a nurse, money, or supplies, by that act becomes an ally of the institution. Year by year it will multiply its patrons, and extend its influence, until its power shall be felt as a God-born agency.

We recommend, first, that our pastors loyally support these institutions, and open their pulpits to their representatives whenever practicable; second, that the Sabbath just prior to Thanksgiving-day, be set apart and observed as Deaconess Home and Hospital Sabbath, when this subject shall be presented by the pastors, and a collection taken.

We indorse the request of the trustees for the reappointment of Rev. H. C. Weakley, D. D., as Corresponding Secretary of the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home Association, and express our entire confidence in his eminent ability for this work, and also our appreciation of the great success that has crowned his efforts in the past years; and also recognize the valuable work of his assistant in the field, Rev. S. D. Clayton, who has so ably presented this work.

We also recommend the reappointment of the present Board of Control: Rev. J. F. Marlay, D. D., Rev. M. M. Kugler, D. D., Rev. H. C. Weakley, D. D., Mrs. Bishop John M. Walden, Mrs. Dr. T. H. Pearne, Mrs. W. B. Shattuc, Hon. Henderson H. Elliott, General B. R. Cowen, Hon. James N. Gamble.

PAUL C. CURNICK, *Secretary*.
JOHN J. MCCABE,
JOHN WILSON,
R. S. RUST,
EDWARD T. LANE,

E. S. GADDIS, *President*.
GERVAISE ROUGHTON,
C. L. CONGER,
S. D. CLAYTON.

DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

It gives the Board of Domestic Missions great satisfaction to report as follows:

Our agent, Rev. Dr. W. I. Fee, has been instant in labor and largely successful in results during the year. Dr. Fee began the work of the year October 20, 1893. During the year he has been engaged in evangelistic service 153 days and nights, and has labored in the following Churches: Delhi, Ripley; Grace, Dayton, four weeks; Oxford, three weeks; York Street, Cincinnati, three weeks; Bowersville, three weeks; Miami, three weeks. During the past two years, Dr. Fee has been engaged in evangelistic service 365 days and nights, having preached 400 sermons. As the result of these services, there have been over 400 conversions.

This dear brother, who is now seventy-seven years of age, has spent his leisure moments in the preparation of his autobiography, which he hopes to have ready for publication in the near future. We recommend the reappointment of Brother Fee as agent of the Domestic Missionary Society.

V. F. BROWN, *President.*

J. G. VAUGHAN, *Secretary.*

THE JOHN MEARS BEQUEST.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES TO THE CINCINNATI CONFERENCE, AUGUST 31, 1894.

ASSETS.

1. United States four per cent Bonds,	\$300 00
2. City of Cincinnati Deficiency Bonds,	1,000 00
3. " " Consolidated Sinking Fund Bonds,	2,000 00
4. Real Estate Mortgage Note, J. H. Parrott,	1,500 00
5. " " " " M. A. Smith,	550 00
6. " " " " D. Purdy,	500 00
7. " " " " I. Claxton,	500 00
8. Cash,	1,400 00
Total Assets,	\$7,750 00

RECEIPTS.

1. Balance from August 31, 1893,	\$232 40
2. Interest on Mortgages,	213 50
3. " " Cash,	60 09
4. " " Bonds,	132 00
	—————\$637 99

DISBURSEMENTS.

1. Legal advice, per voucher D. D. Woodmansee, Sept. 25, '93, \$10 00	
2. Ohio Wesleyan University, per voucher of G. H. Hartensee, Auditor, January, 1894,	72 25
3. Illinois Wesleyan University, per voucher of John Reed, Treasurer, January 23, 1894,	72 25
4. Cincinnati Conference Claimants, per voucher of John Pearson, January 19, 1894,	144 50
5. Cash on hand,	\$60 09
Due Ladies' Home Mission,	278 90
	—————338 99
	—————\$637 99

We hereby certify that the above is a true and correct statement of the present condition of the John Mears Bequest.

THOMAS H. PEARNE,	} Trustees of The John Mears Bequest.
JNO. PEARSON,	
J. R. CLARK,	

PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY OF CINCINNATI ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

THIS is a Conference organization, originated and cherished during the past forty years by good and worthy ministers. Its name indicates its one and only object, viz.: the relief of its members in time of special need, and supplemental to the Conference Claimants Fund, as the case may require.

The annual membership fee is one dollar.

The life membership fee is ten dollars.

The Society has grown financially, so that at present its assets are estimated at some \$25,000, of which about \$17,000 affords an annual income for distribution. About one-third of the members of our Conference only are enrolled members of this organization. It asks for, and deserves, a large addition to its names.

The failure to hold anniversary-meetings at the seat of the Conferences for the last seven years has doubtless limited the general interest in the work of this Society. It is hoped that annual, enthusiastic meetings will be resumed at an early date.

The Society is ready promptly to afford material relief in all cases of special need to the extent of its resources. Twenty-five instances have received grateful responses to their applications during the past year, from whom appreciative and touching testimonials have been sent to the Board. All friends of the benevolent work of the Preachers' Relief Society are earnestly desired to consider and provide for it in their gifts and in formulating bequests, etc. Notes without interest, to be paid after decease, and funds bestowed upon the Annuity Plan, will be always acceptable, and will hereafter become available assets of the Society.

OFFICERS.

President—R. S. RUST.

Vice-President—J. T. BAIL.

Secretary—H. C. WEAKLEY.

Treasurer—THOMAS COLLETT.

Managers—William Herr, John G. Black, F. Leever, Wm. L. Hypes, D. L. Aultman, Thomas H. Pearne, J. S. Whitney, B. R. Cowen, R. Dymond.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts for the Year ending September 1, 1894.

From balance in treasury,	\$239 47
From membership fees,	55 00
From interest on notes collected,	896 78
From notes maturing and paid,	6,433 50
From Bishop J. M. Walden (donation),	25 00
Total,	\$7,649 75

Disbursed for the Year ending September 1, 1894.

For relief, as per orders,	\$791 00
For taxes and expenses on land,	65 00
For travel, stationery, and postage,	23 08
For loans,	6,569 00
Cash in treasury,	200 67
Total,	\$7,649 75

Duly audited:

THOMAS COLLETT,
Financial Secretary and Treasurer.

CONFERENCE SESSIONS.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

YEAR	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1800.	October 6, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1801.	October 1, . .	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1802.	October 1, . .	Bethel Academy, Ky., .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1803.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1804.	October 2, . .	Mt. Gerizim, Ky., . . .	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1805.	October 2, . .	Anthony Houston, Ky., .	{ Francis Asbury, . . Richard Whatcoat, . .	William Burke.
1806.	September 15,	Ebenezer, Tenn., . . .	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1807.	September 14,	Chillicothe, O.,	Francis Asbury, . .	William Burke.
1808.	October 1, . .	Liberty Hill, Tenn., . .	{ Francis Asbury, . . W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1809.	September 30,	Cincinnati, O.,	{ Francis Asbury, . . W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1810.	September 6, .	Shelbyville, Ky.,	W. McKendree, . .	William Burke.
1811.	October 5, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	Learner Blackman.

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1812.	October 1, . .	Chillicothe, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	Charles Holliday.
1813.	September 1, .	Steubenville, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1814.	September 8, .	Cincinnati, O.,	John Sale, P. E., . .	David Young.
1815.	September 14,	Lebanon, O.,	W. McKendree, . .	David Young.
1816.	September 3, .	Louisville, Ky.,	{ W. McKendree, . . Enoch George, . .	David Young.
1817.	September 3, .	Zanesville, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . R. R. Roberts, . .	David Young.
1818.	August 7, . .	Steubenville, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . Enoch George, . .	John Tevis.
1819.	August 7, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . Enoch George, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1820.	August 8, . .	Chillicothe, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1821.	September 6, .	Lebanon, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1822.	September 5, .	Marietta, O.,	{ Enoch George, . . W. McKendree, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1823.	September 3, .	Urbana, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	Cornelius Springer.
1824.	September 2, .	Zanesville, O.,	{ W. McKendree, . . R. R. Roberts, . . J. Soule,	James Collard.
1825.	October 12, . .	Columbus, O.,	Enoch George, . .	Isaac C. Hunter.
1826.	October 4, . .	Hillsboro, O.,	E. Hedding,	G. R. Jones.
1827.	September 19,	Cincinnati, O.,	Enoch George, . .	G. R. Jones.
1828.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	G. R. Jones.
1829.	September 3, .	Urbana, O.,	{ R. R. Roberts, . . W. McKendree, . .	G. R. Jones.
1830.	September 8, .	Lancaster, O.,	J. Soule,	H. O. Sheldon.
1831.	September 8, .	Mansfield, O.,	E. Hedding,	H. O. Sheldon.
1832.	September 19,	Dayton, O.,	J. Emory,	H. O. Sheldon.
1833.	August 21, . .	Cincinnati, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	H. O. Sheldon.
1834.	August 20, . .	Circleville, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1835.	August 19, . .	Springfield, O.,	{ O. J. Andrew, . . J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1836.	September 28,	Chillicothe, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1837.	September 27,	Xenia, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1838.	September 26,	Columbus, O.,	B. Waugh,	J. M. Trimble.
1839.	September 18,	Cincinnati, O.,	J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1840.	September 30,	Zanesville, O.,	{ E. Hedding, J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1841.	August 25, . .	Urbana, O.,	R. R. Roberts, . .	J. M. Trimble.
1842.	September 28,	Hamilton, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.
1843.	September 27,	Chillicothe, O.,	J. Soule,	I. M. Trimble.
1844.	September 4, .	Marietta, O.,	{ B. Waugh, J. Soule,	J. M. Trimble.
1845.	September 3, .	Cincinnati, O.,	L. L. Hamline, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1846.	September 2, .	Piqua, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.
1847.	September 1, .	Columbus, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. M. Trimble.
1848.	September 27,	Newark, O.,	L. L. Hamline, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1849.	September 19,	Dayton, O.,	{ B. Waugh, L. L. Hamline, . . .	J. M. Trimble.
1850.	September 18,	Chillicothe, O.,	{ E. S. Janes, T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.
1851.	September 17,	Springfield, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. M. Trimble.

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1852.	September 22,	Xenia, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1853.	September 28,	Hillsboro, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1854.	September 23,	Cincinnati, O.,	L. Scott,	J. T. Mitchell.
1855.	September 26,	Urbana, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1856.	October 1, . . .	Ripley, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1857.	September 9,	Piqua, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1858.	September 8,	Lebanon, O.,	E. S. Janes,	J. T. Mitchell.
1859.	September 7,	Dayton, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1860.	September 5,	Oxford, O.,	M. Simpson,	J. T. Mitchell.
1861.	September 4,	Springfield, O.,	T. A. Morris,	J. T. Mitchell.
1862.	September 3,	Cincinnati, O.,	E. R. Ames,	J. T. Mitchell.
1863.	September 2,	Xenia, O.,	O. C. Baker,	W. H. Sutherland.
1864.	September 8,	Greenfield, O.,	M. Simpson,	W. H. Sutherland.
1865.	August 30, . . .	Troy, O.,	D. W. Clark,	W. H. Sutherland.
1866.	August 29, . . .	Ripley, O.,	E. Thomson,	W. H. Sutherland.
1867.	August 28, . . .	Urbana, O.,	T. A. Morris,	W. H. Sutherland.
1868.	August 26, . . .	Hamilton, O.,	D. W. Clark,	W. H. Sutherland.
1869.	August 25, . . .	Hillsboro, O.,	E. R. Ames,	W. H. Sutherland.
1870.	August 24, . . .	Piqua, O.,	E. S. Janes,	W. H. Sutherland.
1871.	August 30, . . .	Dayton, O.,	L. Scott,	W. H. Sutherland.
1872.	August 28, . . .	Eaton, O.,	I. W. Wiley,	W. H. Sutherland.
1873.	August 27, . . .	Springfield, O.,	E. R. Ames,	W. H. Sutherland.
1874.	August 26, . . .	Wilmington, O.,	R. S. Foster,	W. H. Sutherland.
1875.	September 1,	Cincinnati, O.,	E. G. Andrews,	W. H. Sutherland.
1876.	August 30, . . .	Oxford, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	W. H. Sutherland.
1877.	September 5,	Xenia, O.,	G. Haven,	W. H. Sutherland.
1878.	September 4,	Piqua, O.,	W. L. Harris,	D. J. Starr.
1879.	September 3,	Urbana, O.,	M. Simpson,	D. J. Starr.
1880.	September 1,	Middletown, O.,	Jesse T. Peck,	D. J. Starr.
1881.	September 7,	Springfield, O.,	Isaac W. Wiley,	D. J. Starr.
1882.	September 6,	Dayton, O.,	T. Bowman,	D. J. Starr.
1883.	September 5,	Hamilton, O.,	R. S. Foster,	D. J. Starr.
1884.	September 3,	Hillsboro, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1885.	September 3,	Walnut Hills, Cin'ti, O.,	W. L. Harris,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1886.	September 2,	Piqua, O.,	J. M. Walden,	Frank G. Mitchell.
1887.	August 31, . . .	Mechanicsburg, O.,	E. G. Andrews,	Stanley O. Royal.
1888.	September 5,	Jamestown, O.,	H. W. Warren,	Stanley O. Royal.
1889.	September 4,	Xenia, O.,	S. M. Merrill,	Stanley O. Royal.
1890.	August 27, . . .	Greenville, O.,	I. W. Joyce,	Stanley O. Royal.
1891.	September 2,	Urbana, O.,	R. S. Foster,	Stanley O. Royal.
1892.	August 31, . . .	Middletown, O.,	W. X. Ninde,	Stanley O. Royal.
1893.	August 30, . . .	Troy, O.,	J. F. Hurst,	Stanley O. Royal.
1894.	September 5,	Wilmington, O.,	D. A. Goodsell,	Stanley O. Royal.

HISTORICAL DATA OF THE DELEGATED GENERAL CONFERENCES.

- 1812.**—General Conference was held in New York City, May 1–22. Business days, 19. Number of delegates, 90. Ratio of representation, 1 in 5. Number of Church members, 195,357.
- 1816.**—Held in Baltimore, May 1–24. Business days, 21. Delegates, 106. Ratio, 1 in 5. Church members, 214,235.
- 1820.**—Held in Baltimore, May 1–27. Business days, 24. Delegates, 89. Ratio, 1 in 7. Church members, 259,890.
- 1824.**—Baltimore, May 1–28. Business days, 24. Delegates, 125. Ratio, 1 in 7. Members, 328,523.
- 1828.**—Pittsburg, May 1–24. Business days, 21. Delegates, 160. Ratio, 1 in 7. Members, 381,997.

- 1832.—Philadelphia, May 1-28. Business days, 24. Delegates, 197. Ratio, 1 in 7. Members, 513,114.
- 1836.—Cincinnati, May 2-27. Business days, 23. Delegates, 147. Ratio, 1 in 14. Members, 652,528.
- 1840.—Baltimore, May 1, to June 3. Business days, 29. Delegates, 128. Ratio, 1 in 21. Members, 795,445.
- 1844.—New York, May 1 to June 10. Business days, 35. Delegates, 180. Ratio, 1 in 21. Members, 1,171,356.
- 1848.—Pittsburg, May 1 to June 1. Business days, 28. Delegates, 151. Ratio, 1 in 21. Members, 639,036.
- 1852.—Boston, May 1 to June 1. Business days, 27. Delegates, 178. Ratio, 1 in 21. Members, 728,700.
- 1856.—Indianapolis, May 1 to June 4. Business days, 30. Delegates, 217. Ratio, 1 in 21. Members, 800,327. *Cincinnati Conference delegates*: Wm. Young, W. Nast, J. B. Finley, J. W. Fowble, G. W. Walker, A. Brown, C. Brooks, A. Lowrey, M. Dustin. *Reserves*: J. T. Mitchell, Charles Elliott, W. Ahrens.
- 1860.—Buffalo, May 1 to June 4. Business days, 30. Delegates, 221. Ratio, 1 in 27. Members, 994,447. *Cincinnati Conference delegates*: Wm. Nast, W. Young, J. T. Mitchell, M. Smith, M. Marlay, G. Moody, D. Reed. *Reserves*: W. Ahrens, M. Dustin, G. C. Crum.
- 1864.—Philadelphia, May 2-27. Business days, 23. Delegates, 216. Ratio, 1 in 30. Members, 928,340. *Cincinnati Conference delegates*: L. D. McCabe, W. Nast, W. Young, M. Smith, G. Moody, M. Dustin. *Reserves*: W. H. Lawder, J. W. Fowble, J. A. Klein.
- 1868.—Chicago, May 1 to June 2. Business days, 27. Delegates, 231. Ratio, 1 in 30. Members, 1,255,115. *Cincinnati Conference delegates*: A. Lowrey, J. Kendall, Wm. Young, J. M. Walden, J. Armstrong. *Reserves*: M. Dustin, J. F. Chalfant.
- 1872.—Brooklyn, May 1 to June 4. Business days, 30. Delegates, clerical, 292; lay, 129; total, 421. Ratio, 1 in 30. Members, 1,458,441. *Cincinnati Conference delegates*: J. W. Weakley, J. M. Walden, J. F. Marlay, R. S. Rust, J. F. Chalfant. *Reserves*: G. C. Crum, A. Lowrey. *Lay delegates*: Ichabod Corwin, Philip B. Swing. *Reserves*: Jacob Chambers, J. M. Philips.
- 1876.—Baltimore, May 1-31. Business days, 27. Delegates, clerical, 222; lay, 133; total, 355. Ratio, 1 in 45. Members, 1,622,291. *Cincinnati Conference delegates*: J. M. Walden, A. Lowrey, J. F. Marlay, G. Moody. *Reserves*: W. H. Sutherland, R. S. Rust. *Lay*: C. W. Rowland, W. R. Warnock. *Reserves*: Jacob Chambers, W. M. Meek.
- 1880.—Cincinnati, May 1-28. Business days, 24. Delegates, clerical, 248; lay, 151; total, 399. Ratio, 1 in 45. Members, 1,742,992. *Cincinnati Conference delegates*: J. M. Walden, W. L. Hypes, C. H. Payne, W. I. Fee. *Reserves*: S. A. Brewster, R. S. Rust. *Lay*: Edward Sargent, H. Elliott. *Reserves*: E. W. Mullikin, W. M. Meek.
- 1884.—Philadelphia, May 1-28. Business days, 24. Delegates, clerical, 261; lay, 156; total, 417. Ratio, 1 in 45. Members, 1,835,490. *Cincinnati Conference delegates*: J. M. Walden, A. B. Leonard, C. H. Payne, Wm. Runyan. *Reserves*: R. S. Rust, L. F. Van Cleve. *Lay*: P. P. Mast, John W. Dale. *Reserves*: Thomas Brown, John C. Brooke.
- 1888.—New York, May 1-31. Business days, 27. Delegates, clerical, 288; lay, 175; total, 463. Ratio, 1 in 45. Members, 2,154,349. *Cincinnati Conference delegates*: C. H. Payne, A. B. Leonard, J. H. Bayliss, I. W. Joyce. *Reserves*: R. S. Rust, John Pearson. *Lay*: John E. Jones, John K. Polard. *Reserves*: W. R. Warnock, Andrew Coffman.
- 1892.—Omaha, May 2-26. Business days, 21. Delegates, clerical, 315; lay, 189; total, 504. Ratio, 1 in 45. Members, 2,442,627. *Cincinnati Conference delegates*: A. B. Leonard, C. H. Payne, Jno. Pearson, T. H. Pearne. *Reserves*: Wm. Runyan, H. C. Weakley. *Lay*: Wm. W. Wilson, James N. Gamble. *Reserves*: P. P. Mast, B. R. Cowen.

In Memoriam.

DECEASED BISHOPS.

NAME.	BORN.	ENT'D MINISTRY.		Conse- crated Bishop.	REMARKS.
		Conference.	Y'r.		
Thomas Coke.....	Oct. 9, 1747	Brit. Wes.	1778	1784	Died at sea, May 3, 1814.
Francis Asbury.....	Aug. 20, 1745	Brit. Wes.	1766	1784	Died in Virginia, March 31, 1816.
Richard Whatcoat.....	Feb. 23, 1736	Brit. Wes.	1769	1800	Died in Delaware, July 5, 1806.
William McKendree.....	July 6, 1757	M. E. Ch.	1788	1808	Died in Tennessee, March 5, 1835.
Enoch George.....	Mar. 10, 1768	M. E. Ch.	1790	1816	Died in Virginia, August 23, 1828.
Robert R. Roberts.....	Aug. 2, 1778	Baltimore.	1802	1816	Died in Indiana, March 28, 1843.
Joshua Sonle.....	Aug. 1, 1781	New York.	1799	1824	Entered M. E. Ch. So., '46, died Mar. 6, '67.
Elijah Hedding.....	June 7, 1780	New Eng.	1801	1824	Died in Poughkeepsie, April 9, 1852.
James Osgood Andrew....	May 3, 1794	S. Carol'a	1813	1832	Bish. M. E. Ch. So., '46; died Mar. 1, '71.
John Emory.....	April 11, 1789	Phila.....	1810	1832	Died in Maryland, December 16, 1835.
Beverly Waugh.....	Oct. 25, 1789	Baltimore.	1809	1836	Died in Maryland, February 9, 1858.
Thomas A. Morris.....	April 28, 1794	Ohio.....	1816	1836	Died in Springfield, O., Sept. 2, 1874.
Leonidas L. Hamline.....	May 10, 1797	Ohio.....	1833	1844	Resig'd 1852; died in Iowa, Mar. 22, '65.
Edmund Storer James....	April 27, 1807	Phila.....	1830	1844	Died in New York, Sept. 18, 1876.
Levi Scott.....	Oct. 11, 1802	Phila.....	1825	1852	Died in Odessa, July 13, 1882.
Matthew Simpson.....	June 21, 1811	Pittsburg ..	1834	1852	Died in Philadelphia, June 18, 1884.
Osmon C. Baker.....	July 30, 1812	N. Hamp ..	1839	1852	Died in Concord, N. H., Dec. 20, 1871.
Edward R. Ames.....	May 20, 1806	Illinois.....	1830	1852	Died in Baltimore, April 25, 1879.
*Francis Burns.....	Dec. 5, 1809	Liberia.....	1838	1858	Died in Baltimore, April 18, 1863.
Davis Wasgatt Clark.....	Feb. 25, 1812	New York.	1843	1864	Died in Cincinnati, May 23, 1871.
Edward Thomson.....	Oct. 12, 1810	Ohio.....	1832	1864	Died in Wheeling, W. Va., Mar. 22, '70.
Calvin Kingsley.....	Sept. 8, 1812	Erie	1841	1864	Died in Beyroot, Syria, April 6, 1870.
*John W. Roberts.....	Sept. 8, 1812	Liberia ..	1838	1866	Died in Africa, January 30, 1875.
William L. Harris.....	Nov. 4, 1817	Michigan ..	1837	1872	Died in New York, Sept. 2, 1887.
Isaac W. Wiley.....	Mar. 23, 1825	Phila.....	1851	1872	Died in Foochow, China, Nov. 22, 1884.
Gilbert Haven.....	Sept. 19, 1821	N. Engl'd ..	1851	1872	Died in Malden, Mass., Jan. 3, 1880.
Jesse T. Peck.....	April 4, 1811	Oneida	1832	1872	Died in Syracuse, N. Y., May 17, 1883.
Erastus O. Haven.....	Nov. 1, 1820	New York.	1848	1880	Died in Salem, Oreg., August 2, 1881.

* Missionary Bishops.

OHIO CONFERENCE.

OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS.	DATE OF BIRTH.	DATE OF DEATH.	AGE.
Lewis Hunt,		Dec. 3, 1801, Kentucky, . . .	...
William Young,	May 16, 1786,	July 8, 1812, Ohio,	26
Ralph Lotspeich,	Feb. 15, 1781, Virginia,	Dec. 15, 1813, Ohio,	32
Walter Griffith,	Aug. 12, 1782, Maryland,	June 27, 1822, Xenia, O.,	40
Samuel Baker,	Sept. 13, 1793, Maryland,	Sept. 26, 1823,	30
Alexander Cummins,	Sept. 31, 1787, Virginia,	Sept. 27, 1823, Cincinnati, O.,	36
Nathan Walker,	Oct. 20, 1795, Maryland,	Aug. 26, 1825, Frankfort, Ky.,	30
John Walker,	Feb. 28, 1797, Virginia,	April 5, 1849,	52
John Sale,	April 4, 1769, Virginia,	Jan. 15, 1827, Troy, O.,	58
Michael Ellis,	May 5, 1758,	Oct. 30, 1830, Rehoboth, O.,	72
John Ulin,	1792, Virginia,	July 13, 1833, Newark, O.,	41
James F. Callaghan,		Nov. 9, 1833, Marietta, O., . . . . .	...
Thomas F. Sargent,	April 10, 1776, Maryland,	Dec. 29, 1833, Cincinnati, O.,	57
William Page,	Sept. 1772, New Jersey,	Nov. 15, 1834, Ohio,	62
Philip Gatch,	March 21, 1751, Maryland,	Dec. 28, 1834, Ohio,	83
Russel Bigelow,	Feb. 24, 1793, New Hampshire,	July 1, 1835, Columbus, O.,	43
William Phillips,	May 7, 1797, Kentucky,	Aug. 6, 1836, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Erastus Felton,	Jan. 28, 1798, New York,	June 25, 1837, Ohio,	39
John A. Waterman,	June 29, 1790, New Hampshire,	Aug. 6, 1837, Oxford, O.,	47
James W. Finley,	Dec. 24, 1800, Ohio,	June 11, 1838, Kentucky,	38
William D. Barrett,	July, 19, 1797, Virginia,	Feb. 22, 1839, Ohio,	42
Dudley Woodbridge,	1814, Ohio,	Jan. 3, 1839, Marietta, O.,	25
Frederick B. Butler,	July 22, 1803, Virginia,	March 5, 1839, Ohio,	36
Moses Crume,	Feb. 27, 1766, Virginia,	April 1, 1839, Oxford, O.,	73
George Fate,	Aug. 28, 1819, Ohio,	Aug. 28, 1839, Marion, O.,	20

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Charles R. Baldwin, . . .	March 17, 1803, Massachusetts	Nov. 9, 1839, Parkersburg, Va.,	36
Jeremiah Hill, . . .	Oct. 2, 1816, Rhode Island, . .	May 26, 1840, Ohio,	24
Robert W. Finley, . . .	June 9, 1750, Pennsylvania, . .	Dec. 8, 1840, Ohio,	90
William B. Christie, . . .	Sept. 2, 1803, Ohio,	March 27, 1842, Cincinnati, O.,	39
Isaac C. Hunter, . . .	Aug. 30, 1798, Pennsylvania, . .	June 27, 1842, Gallipolis, O., .	44
Alfred Hance, . . .	Jan. 8, 1810, New Jersey, . . .	Feb. 2, 1843, Ohio,	33
John W. Kanaga, . . .	Feb., 1819,	Feb. 14, 1844, Ohio,	25
Greenbury R. Jones, . .	April 7, 1784, Pennsylvania, . .	Sept. 20, 1844, Marietta, O., .	60
Henry S. Farnandis, . .	Dec. 1, 1793, Virginia,	May 17, 1845, Rushville, O., .	52
John Collins, . . .	Nov. 1, 1769, New Jersey, . . .	Aug. 21, 1845, Kentucky, . . .	76
John Ferree, . . .	Nov. 22, 1792, Pennsylvania, . .	Oct. 4, 1845, Jackson, O., . . .	53
William R. Anderson, . .	June 21, 1810, Ross Co., O., . .	Feb. 25, 1846, Ohio,	36
Benjamin Cooper, . . .	June 3, 1802, Perry Co., O., . .	May 13, 1846, Indiana,	44
Jacob Delay, . . .	Dec. 17, 1781, Pennsylvania, . .	Oct. 18, 1846, Jackson Co. O., .	65
William Parrish, . . .	Oct. 25, 1800, n'r Lex'ngt'n, Ky	Oct. 17, 1847, Butler Co., O., .	47
James Quinn, . . .	April 1, 1775, Pennsylvania, . .	Dec. 1, 1847, Ohio,	72
Alexander Morrow, . .	March 21, 1810, Pennsylvania, . .	Feb. 13, 1849, Ohio,	39
Benjamin Lakin, . . .	Aug. 23, 1767, Maryland, . . .	Feb., 1849, Ohio,	82
Nathan Emery, . . .	Aug. 5, 1780, Maine,	May 27, 1849, Ohio,	69
Martin Wolf, . . .	Nov. 25, 1813, Pennsylvania, . .	July 10, 1849, Ohio,	36
Alfred L. Westervelt, . .	Jan. 22, 1821, Westerville, O., .	July 31, 1849, Ohio,	29
Asa B. Stroud, . . .	April 11, 1807, Ohio,	Sept. 23, 1849, Ohio,	42
Chas. B. Warrington, . .	March 13, 1814, England, . . .	Feb. 18, 1850, Ohio,	36
Philip A. Mutchner, . .	Jan. 10, 1817, Ohio,	Oct. 2, 1850, Ohio,	33
Joseph T. Lewis, . . .	April 18, 1824, Ohio,	Nov. 3, 1850, Cincinnati, O., .	26
O. P. Williams, . . .	April 13, 1814, Ohio,	1850, Ohio,	36
James A. Taylor, . . .	1823, Ohio,	Aug. 10, 1851, Ohio,	28
Samuel Maddux, . . .	May 2, 1818, Ohio,	Nov. 9, 1851, Logan, O., . . .	33
Ebenezer B. Chase, . .	April 3, 1806, Maine,	Mch. 4, 1852, Kingston C't'r, O.	36

CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Ministry.....	Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Conference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Ministry.....
Wm. H. Raper, . . .	1819	Feb. 11, 1852	58	33	George B. Owens, . .	1853	Nov. 23, 1863	54	10
Jos. S. Tomlinson, . .	1825	June 4, 1853	51	28	A. P. Dunlap, . . .	1854	Feb. 14, 1863	34	9
Chas. G. Meredith, . .	1846	July 16, 1854	34	8	A. M. Lorain, . . .	1824	Apr. 25, 1863	72	39
Gilbert C. Townley, . .	1848	Nov. 2, 1854	33	6	W. H. Fyffe, . . .	1836	May 20, 1863	49	27
Thomas Gorsuch, . .	1841	May 12, 1855	39	14	J. T. Mitchell, . .	1832	May 30, 1863	53	31
James M. Cavin, . . .	1850	May 19, 1855	30	5	L. Swormstedt, . .	1818	Aug. 28, 1863	64	45
Philip Nation, . . .	1833	Oct. 14, 1855	43	22	C. W. Sears, . . .	1844	Aug. 29, 1863	44	19
James Smith, . . .	1818	Apr. 7, 1856	65	38	Henry Baker, . . .	1814	Dec. 24, 1863	66	49
George W. Walker, . .	1826	July 31, 1856	51	30	E. D. Roe, . . .	1832	..... 1864	63	31
B. Brownmiller, . . .	1849	Sep. 16, 1856	32	7	David Sharp, . . .	1813	Apr. 21, 1865	77	52
James B. Finley, . . .	1809	Sep. 6, 1857	76	48	Enoch G. West, . .	1848	May 8, 1865	39	17
Moses G. Bennett, . .	1847	Mar. 8, 1857	37	10	Wm. E. Spahr, . . .	1863	Nov. 30, 1865	22	2
A. J. Dinkins, . . .	1842	Jan. 10, 1857	44	15	David Whitcomb, .	1826	May 17, 1866	...	40
Samuel Neer, . . .	1854	Aug. 15, 1857	30	3	Levi White, . . .	1822	Aug. 21, 1866	68	44
James B. Austin, . . .	1828	Sep. 27, 1857	51	29	M. Marlay, . . .	1831	Sep. 2, 1866	69	35
J. J. Tiffany, . . .	1850	Dec. 29, 1857	31	7	David Reed, . . .	1832	Mar. 24, 1867	56	35
Arthur W. Elliott, . .	1818	Jan. 18, 1858	73	40	Wm. S. Hartley, . .	1856	Feb. 7, 1869	35	13
John S. Jackson, . . .	1856	Mar. 29, 1858	24	2	Joseph M. Gatch, .	1842	Feb. 13, 1869	47	27
W. S. Morrow, . . .	1830	June 19, 1858	53	28	Arza Brown, . . .	1824	Aug. 1, 1869	77	45
Robert O. Spencer, . .	1824	Aug. 30, 1858	52	34	Moses Smith, . . .	1842	Aug. 25, 1869	52	27
Horace S. Sellman, . .	1846	Feb. 1, 1859	38	13	Jesse Botkin, . . .	1842	Feb. 25, 1870	62	28
Perlee W. Wilber, . .	Tchr	June 11, 1859	52	25	A. W. Musgrove, . .	1852	Apr. 19, 1870	58	30
William Kaetter, . . .	1851	Sep. 12, 1859	46	8	Charles W. Swain, .	1831	Apr. 25, 1870	76	39
Steph. H. Holland, . .	1831	Jan. 10, 1860	53	29	Eli Kirk,	1857	Sep. 17, 1870	39	13
Jesse R. Hall, . . .	1854	Aug. 30, 1860	26	6	Dan'l D. Davisson	1811	Dec. 14, 1870	85	59
Charles Kissenger, . .	1855	Sep. 28, 1860	30	5	John W. Fowble, . .	1842	July 6, 1871	56	29
Isaac I. Beall, . . .	1849	Oct. 27, 1860	37	11	John Shiun, . . .	1854	Sep. 26, 1871	47	17
Peter Schmucker, . .	1838	Dec. 9, 1860	76	46	Isaac Neff,	1849	Oct. 29, 1871	47	22
George Danker, . . .	1839	Mar. 4, 1861	67	22	John Seys,	1825	Feb. 9, 1872	72	47
Daniel Griffis, . . .	1853	Aug. 28, 1861	34	8	Levi P. Miller, . .	1830	July 28, 1872	63	42
Hen. E. Purkiser, . .	1852	Dec. 4, 1861	34	9	Wesley Rector, . .	1871	Sep. 26, 1872	35	8
Wesley Rowe, . . .	1834	Feb. 8, 1862	52	28	George J. Conner, .	1859	Apr. 1, 1873	44	14
Joseph Newson, . . .	1833	May 20, 1862	53	29	A. B. Wambaugh, .	1838	Aug. 14, 1873	57	35
Charles R. Lovell, . .	1833	Sep. 25, 1862	45	29	Joshua Boucher, . .	1818	Nov. 22, 1873	76	55
George W. Harris, . .	1850	Nov. 5, 1862	38	12	H. M. Curry, . . .	1848	Mar. 3, 1874	55	26

Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Con- ference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Min- istry.....	Our Fathers and Brothers.	Entered Con- ference.....	Time of Death.	Age.....	Years of Min- istry.....
James Armstrong, . .	1827	July 1, 1874	70	47	James F. Chalfant, .	1843	Oct. 5, 1884	64	41
W. Simmons, . .	1820	Aug. 6, 1874	76	54	Jesse M. Robinson	1851	Oct. 11, 1884	58	33
N. C. Parrish, . .	1865	Feb. 15, 1875	40	10	Andrew Murphy, . .	1837	Feb. 4, 1885	88	48
W. Routledge, . .	1843	Apr. 28, 1875	68	32	John N. Irvin, . .	1872	Mar. 6, 1885	37	12
M. G. Purkiser, . .	1835	Apr. 29, 1875	61	40	Joseph J. Hill, . .	1830	Nov. 11, 1885	80	55
E. House, . . .	1865	May 20, 1875	50	10	John C. Maddy, . .	1852	Dec. 12, 1885	63	33
J. C. Bontecou, . .	1827	Oct. 14, 1875	72	48	Dennis Callahan, .	1855	May 6, 1886	67	38
N. Callender, . .	1825	Feb. 6, 1876	75	51	J. W. Stone, . . .	1838	Oct. 14, 1886	74	49
P. A. Ogden, . . .	1825	Aug. 23, 1876	77	51	G. Moody,	1835	June 4, 1887	75	52
Samuel Brown, . .	1841	Sep. 23, 1876	70	35	D. Whitmer, . . .	1836	June 23, 1887	65	41
T. A. G. Phillips, .	1833	Feb. 28, 1877	67	44	R. Brandriff, . . .	1823	July 16, 1887	84	64
Wm. H. Lawder, . .	1833	Apr. 20, 1877	68	44	Wm. Young, . . .	1832	Aug. 26, 1887	80	55
Wm. I. Ellsworth, .	1834	May 10, 1877	70	43	J. S. Peregrine, . .	1851	Feb. 24, 1888	69	37
Elijah H. Field, . .	1824	Oct. 1, 1878	82	54	S. F. Conrey, . . .	1837	July 4, 1888	73	51
A. Meharry, . . .	1841	Nov. 18, 1878	65	37	M. P. Gaddis, . . .	1838	Sep. 8, 1888	77	50
Jos. A. Reeder, . .	1829	Nov. 24, 1878	81	49	Jer'h B. Ellsworth	1838	Apr. 30, 1889	79	51
John C. Deem, . . .	1854	Jan. 21, 1879	77	25	Allen W. Tibbits, .	1846	May 8, 1889	67	43
J. McD. Mathews, .	1831	Aug. 5, 1879	75	48	Chas. W. Ketcham	1854	May 13, 1889	59	35
John F. Wright, . .	1815	Sep. 13, 1879	84	64	Ephraim M. Cole, .	1850	June 29, 1889	68	39
Wm. H. Miesse, . .	1870	July 26, 1880	34	10	William Mahou, . .	1859	July 1, 1889	53	21
John Bartou, . . .	1839	Jan. 16, 1882	64	43	Jer'h H. Bayliss, .	1859	Aug. 14, 1889	54	30
Herman Lüders, . .	1878	Jan. 17, 1882	39	4	Geo. H. Kennedy, .	1853	Sep. 19, 1889	65	36
David Warnock, . .	1834	Feb. 21, 1882	72	48	Sam'l A. Brewster, .	1854	May 25, 1890	64	36
James Kendall, . .	1851	Mar. 2, 1882	59	31	Thomas Lee, . . .	1851	Mar. 10, 1891	64	40
George C. Crum, . .	1831	Mar. 4, 1882	73	51	J. W. Keely, . . .	1845	Dec. 23, 1891	75	48
John W. Weakley, .	1837	Apr. 30, 1882	69	45	J. F. Conrey, . . .	1839	Jan. 26, 1892	74	52
Charles Kalbfus, . .	1826	May 10, 1882	75	56	L. F. Van Cleve, . .	1850	Mar. 2, 1892	66	44
Jas. F. McClelland, .	1864	Jan. 19, 1883	19	19	G. W. Kelley, . . .	1855	May 5, 1892	72	37
Willis M. Boyer, . .	1872	Jan. 14, 1884	11	11	W. E. Hines, . . .	1856	June 22, 1892	69	37
Nimrod McDonald, .	1856	Jan. 15, 1884	68	27	W. N. Williams, . .	1855	Oct. 8, 1892	77	37
David Kemper, . . .	1836	Mar. 24, 1884	77	47	J. P. Bishop, . . .	1880	Nov. 20, 1892	43	12
Charles Ferguson, .	1844	June 4, 1884	67	39	A. U. Beall,	1852	May 19, 1894	67	42
Milton G. Baker, . .	1843	Sep. 26, 1884	69	41	D. H. Sargent, . .	1846	Aug. 15, 1894	77	48

N. B.—The Secretary would be glad to receive information concerning the burial places of preachers who died prior to 1877.

MEMOIRS.

Rev. Alfred Uriah Beall.

WITH the Bible in our hands, with its light in our minds, and the spirit of its teachings in our hearts, we may contemplate death with composure, and may stand by the side of our beloved departed, assured that it is well with them forever, and that the dust which we, with tender grace, deposit in its last earthly resting-place, shall rise again, and that the friendships formed among the good upon earth shall be perpetuated in heaven. Job's triumphant "I know that my Redeemer liveth," has its New Testament response in Paul's "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." So we count death as a mere incident, as is birth, in our deathless being.

Rev. Alfred Uriah Beall, son of Charles and Sarah Beall, was born in Preble County, Ohio, October 13, 1827. At the age of six years, he was left, by the death of his father, to the sole care of his mother, with her four sons and two daughters. Industry, frugality, and piety characterized that home. In his youth Brother Beall taught school, and by his diligence

in study, his wide range in reading, laid the foundation for his choice vocabulary, and prepared his facile pen.

He was under pungent conviction for sin for a year; then (I quote from his journal, now before me), "I joined the Church, sought the Lord in the pardon of my sins, and was found of him, September 27, 1848." He was received on trial in the Ohio Conference, August 24, 1850, and appointed junior preacher on North Lewisburg Circuit; the next year he served Goshen in the same capacity. His journal for this year is very complete, as it not only shows the preaching, visiting, and studying that he did, but also indicates the mental processes and spiritual conflicts through which he passed as his Christian and ministerial character were in the formative period. He reproaches himself for having preached so long that he had not time to meet the class after the sermon; also, for visiting a family, and leaving without having prayer with them, carrying with him a feeling of condemnation, and praying, "May the Lord, in the strength of his grace, enable us, from this time and henceforth, to be faithful in this particular!" He was sorely tempted as to his sufficiency for the work of the ministry, almost inclined, more than once, to turn aside, but realizing that "our sufficiency is of God, who also hath made us able ministers of the New Testament, not of the letter, but of the spirit," he persevered to the end. At the formation of the Cincinnati Conference in 1852, he was appointed to West Union, serving afterward at Batavia; Asbury and New Street, Cincinnati; Milford, Camden, Red Lion and Springboro, Amelia, Chaplain of the 89th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, North Bend, New Carlisle, Tippecanoe, Miamisburg (3 years), Wilmington (here his health failed, and he took a superannuated relation for about two years), North Lewisburg, Monroe (3 years); McKendree, Cincinnati; Red Lion and Springboro, Greenfield (3 years), Mechanicsburg; Newport, Kentucky Conference; Miamisburg (3 years); Asbury, Cincinnati; Cheviot. Here, in the third year of his successful pastorate, his shattered health necessitated a sojourn in Florida; but the fountain of youth was not in the land of flowers, and he returned to his parsonage home in Cheviot to pass away out of the life that now is to the home of the glorified.

He was ordained deacon by Bishop Janes, in Xenia, in 1852, and elder by Bishop Scott, in Cincinnati, in 1854. He was married to Melissa E. Cavin, July 31, 1856, who, after thirty-eight years of true helpfulness to her husband in his domestic and ministerial life, is left with her son and two daughters. The list of appointments is soon read; but how much is included in those forty-four years of busy pastorate! An adult life, with its labors, its heartaches, its trials, and its triumphs!

We may contemplate Brother Beall as a man and as a minister. Fragile in constitution, he yet endured; and for over forty-three years, with but one intermission of less than two years, he did the work of an itinerant Methodist minister, and did it well. Revivals were frequent under his ministry; the Church, in the body of believers, was edified, the material prosperity of the Church cared for, and benevolent interests kept up or advanced. He was a tender and considerate husband, ever thoughtful of the comfort of his wife; an indulgent but wise father, who was the associate and intimate of his children. He was ardent in his friendships, and seemed, to a remarkable degree, to depend upon the association and fellowship of congenial spirits. One of his latest utterances was: "I do not know, but I suspect, that there is not a member of the Cincinnati Conference that has more good Christian friends than I have. Glory to God!" In the Preachers' Meetings and Ministerial Associations ever present, always interested, often participating in the proceedings, he enjoyed with keenest zest the social and professional contact of his brethren. How much we missed him from our weekly gatherings at the Book Concern!

He was a judicious reader of the best literature, a discriminating and original thinker, clear in his convictions, lucid and cogent in his presentation of his conclusions, wielding the "pen of a ready writer," and never calculating as to the popular side, but concerned with the truth only, as

he saw it. His analytical power was extraordinary. In his extemporaneous utterances, and in his carefully prepared papers for Conference reports, for associations of ministers, or for the press, to which he frequently contributed by editorial invitation, how clearly he perceived and how deftly he presented the points at issue! His vocabulary was extensive, his selection of words discriminating, yet the furthest remove from pedantry and the mere altisonant. Take this example from the report on "Sabbath Observance" to the last session of this Conference: "The danger-line of our American Sabbath is found in the let-down of the conviction that it is by right a question of law. There can be no danger to the Christian Sabbath; it is of God, and the day and the institution are one and inseparable. And while there are Christian men and women in the earth, the holy day will be kept for God. But as a civil regulation that enforces Sabbath-keeping in the interests of religion and morality, there is great peril."

Without being in the least foppish, Brother Beall was careful of his personal appearance, especially when he was to ascend the pulpit, and from that coign of vantage, in faultless attire, with fervid utterance, with easy gesture, and with copious diction, he gave forth his sermons in a way that left no hearer in doubt as to the sincerity of his faith in the saving efficacy of the gospel which he preached. He was emotional without fanaticism, because his piety was the result of the unquestioning surrender of his whole intellectual and spiritual nature to convictions of truth deep-founded in God's Word, and attested to his consciousness by the witnessing Spirit.

His religion was steady and uniform as to its depth, always rapturous, and often demonstrative as to its manifestation. He was orthodox, loving the doctrines of the Church, and able to state, and, if need be, defend them; while on the side of experience he was "ready always to give an answer to every man that asked . . . a reason of the hope that" was in him.

In his last illness he greatly enjoyed the visits of the many brethren who called upon him, and when he was consulted as to devotions, suggested that the brethren use the word communion instead of prayer, as the Scripture reading and song and prayer were not so much supplication for pardon or mercy, but "communion" with the Holy Trinity and with the brethren.

On Tuesday he was lying quiet, when he cast his eyes all around, and said to his sister-in-law, who sat with him at the time: "Is n't it pretty?" "What?" He answered, "A crown." "Who is holding it?" He replied: "I see no hand, simply a crown."

In my last call upon him I found his room beautiful and redolent with orchids and roses, sweet tributes of affection from parishioners and friends. He was interested in the questions that are attracting the attention of the Church as to polity; interested in the doings of the Cincinnati Methodist Preachers' Meeting, and in the welfare of his brethren.

I read from Romans iv, 25, and v, 1-11, and offered prayer at his bedside. His responses to the Scriptures and in the prayer showed that ecstasy that was his characteristic, while his face shone with the light of his acceptance in the Beloved. I thought, as I saw his life ebbing away, that the confidence of the psalmist was not an unrealized experience in this, our day: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Thy scepter as a King and thy crook as a Shepherd, they make me strong. Brother Beall died May 19, 1894. His body rests in the cemetery at Piqua, O., awaiting the resurrection of the just.

SYLVESTER WEEKS.

Rev. David Harrison Sargent.

DAVID HARRISON SARGENT was born on a farm near Parkersburg, Virginia, July 24, 1817, and died at his home near Lebanon, Warren County, Ohio, August 10, 1894, having completed a life of a few days less than 77 years. He was the third son of Henry E. and Mary (Steele) Sargent, both natives and life-long residents of Virginia.

The country at the time of Mr. Sargent's youth gave few opportunities for an education. He was fortunate to be able to attend an academy in Parkersburg, where he alternated between the cooper-shop and the school-room—between barrels and books. During these years at the academy his teachers and the members of the Methodist Church where he worshiped gave him license to preach. He was greatly surprised at their action; but through their kindly entreaties and encouragements, and because of an inward conviction, which he thought was a profound secret, he consented to accept and use his license.

These were days when the Church was shaken with the occasion of its separation, and Mr. Sargent had quite a struggle between the work North and the work South. His surroundings and his fellowships inclined him to the South. His convictions on the subject of slavery, however, determined his choice, and in September, 1843, he was received on probation in the Ohio Conference. In 1846 he was ordained a deacon, and was received into full connection, and in 1848 he was ordained an elder, and during his ministerial life he filled the following appointments: 1843, Milton; 1844, Tremont; 1845, Johnstown; 1846, Tarlton; 1847, Logan; 1848, Mechanicsburg; 1849, Jamestown; 1850, Deercreek; 1851, Franklin; 1852, Franklin and Miamisburg; 1853 and 1854, Camden; 1855, Monroe, 1856, North Bend; 1857, in Iowa Conference; 1858, Madisonville; 1859, Georgetown; 1860 and 1861, North Lewisburg; 1862, Bowersville; 1863 and 1864, Highland; 1865 to 1872, supernumerary; 1873, Merrittstown; 1874 to 1894, superannuated.

While Mr. Sargent was pursuing his calling, he met, and married, June 10th, 1847, Miss Eliza C. Babb, who was a native of Ohio, and her home was in Miami County, near to Troy. The fruit of this marriage was four children, three of whom survive. In 1857, Brother Sargent was transferred to the Iowa Conference, where his wife and the mother of his children died, as did also one of his children. In 1858, Brother Sargent was again married to Mrs. Lizzie Spangenberg, the daughter of David and Sarah Shaw, of Campbell County, Kentucky, near to Alexandria. She has shared his lot, comforted his heart, and mothered his children, and, together with them, has made his last days happy.

Physically, Brother Sargent bore his family's characteristics. He was large and symmetrical, with well-knit muscles, and features distinct and distinguished, indicating a steady and sturdy physique, and, in spite of the afflictions of his last years, which annoyed and distressed him greatly, he was the picture of health and robust manhood. His mind was clear and logical, his thoughts were always in order, his thinking was his own, and he had confidence in it, though he obtruded neither himself nor his opinions on others. He meddled with nobody's business but his own, and he rather preferred to have no help with that. His way did not always please himself, but he preferred it to anybody else's. He was not arrogant, but he was resolute. He made no claims for himself, but courageously maintained his personal dignity and honor. And although his bearing had the appearance of severity, there was much of tenderness and affection found when his true nature was reached.

He was converted in early manhood, and his religious life impressed itself on those about him. It was a modest profession which he maintained. His judgment and his statements of his own religious life were humble and grateful. His testimonies were prompt and proper, his religious exercises were timely and acceptable. He was reserved and

almost shy in religious assemblies, having a strong distaste for what was forward or pretentious. His preaching was logical, his thoughts being consecutive and orderly, his manner deliberate. He preached his text, and unfolded the thought which it brought him. His early ministry was marked by thorough preparation. He was often reproved by the old-time ministers for writing his sermons and taking notes of them into the pulpit. Brother Sargent's sensitive nature was a foe to his peace, and as a consequence his ministerial life, amid so great a variety of people and surroundings, was deprived of much of that personal satisfaction which a different temperament would have drawn from it.

Our brother's life was a pure life, free from extravagance; and considering his strong impulses and the tendency of such a nature as his, it is a compliment to his religion that he came through his life of 77 years without accusation or suspicion. His final sickness was of ten days' duration. He was attacked suddenly and seriously. The progress of his disease was at one time arrested, but it afterward increased in intensity, and defied all the skill of physician and nurse. He suffered greatly in body, but was comfortable in mind, and expressed himself, to his friends and to the writer as ready for any issue in his case. On the evening of August 10, 1894, while his Quarterly Conference was in session, in his own home, surrounded by his relatives and neighbors, the aged servant of God went to his rest.

J. P. PORTER.

Mrs. Lucy C. Bailey.

MRS. LUCY C. BAILEY was the daughter of George and Louisa Ort, born in Marietta, Ohio, June 22, 1858, and died in the parsonage at Rainsboro, Ohio, November 4, 1893. From early childhood she was under religious training in the home, and at the age of fourteen years accepted Christ by faith as her personal Savior, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

On the 14th of August, 1875, at the home of her parents in Maysville, Kentucky, she was married to Rev. H. W. Bailey, of the Kentucky Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, and, during his ministerial life since, has been an efficient helpmeet for him in the various fields of labor to which he has been called in Kentucky, Alabama, and Ohio; and whether in the rural districts, on the hardest circuits as at first, or in the midst of culture and refinement in the stations of the most populous cities, where they were subsequently called to labor, she was the same helpful, patient, loving companion, and humble, devout Christian.

Her refinement, agreeable manner, and sunny spirit, made her a power in the social circle, and her tact and wisdom enabled her to plan for and help to create entertainments and amusements, elevating in character, that could be engaged in and enjoyed without violence to the Christian conscience. She was a sweet singer, gifted in prayer, and an efficient worker in the Epworth League.

She was diffident and undemonstrative in religious matters, and seemed to enter upon the work she did so faithfully and well with a lack of confidence in her ability to succeed. She will be greatly missed in the social and religious circles and work of the Church, but much more and sadly will she be missed in the sacred precincts of the home, where her genial spirit has dispensed sunshine, where her industry and frugality have so largely contributed to the comforts of home-life, and her example and precepts have been so impressed upon the mind and heart of her daughter Ida, the only living child, as to make her, at the age of ten years, the counterpart of herself in those lovable traits of character that will help her to grow up into useful womanhood, and where her loving words of counsel and cheer have helped her husband during the last eighteen years to endure the privations and labors of the itinerant ministry, and contributed to his usefulness as a pastor and success in preaching the Word.

J. I. TAGGART.

Mary Woodmansee Ferguson.

MRS. MARY W. FERGUSON was the daughter of Daniel and Rachel Woodmansee, and was born in Butler County, Ohio, March 15, 1818. It was her good fortune to be brought up in a Christian home, where she learned the foundation principles upon which her beautiful character was builded, and her useful life regulated. In the twelfth year of her age she was converted, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. In that day religious experience was not kept as a personal secret. It was told in class-meeting from week to week, differing only as each advancing step differs from the preceding one. In this way Miss Woodmansee was built up in the faith, and became an efficient laborer in the Lord's vineyard.

Besides an unblemished Christian character, she possessed rare intellectual gifts and a pleasing personality. These qualities attracted the attention of William R. Anderson, of the Ohio Conference, and, quite naturally, he thought they were such as befitted the character and position of an itinerant's wife. That the attraction was mutual is evinced by the fact that, on March 15, 1843, they were united in marriage. But they were permitted to be "workers together" in the itinerant field only three years, when the Lord called the husband from labor to reward. For fourteen years Mrs. Anderson lived in widowhood, devoting her time chiefly to the care and education of her son.

On the 23d of October, 1860, she was united in marriage to the Rev. Charles Ferguson, of the Cincinnati Conference. During the twenty-four years of their married life, Brother Ferguson served some of the most important charges in the Conference. In all of these, Mrs. Ferguson's helpfulness was manifest in every department of Christian labor. Her solid Christian character, her faithfulness in all religious duties, and her kindly spirit contributed in no small degree to that success which uniformly accompanied the labors of her husband.

Her clear views of truth and duty led her naturally into those lines of moral reform that tend to make the world better. Hence, when the Woman's Crusade against the drink-traffic was in progress, she gave it her hearty sympathies and active co-operation. Her residence at that time was in Cincinnati. A large number of the best women in that city united in an organization for the purpose of carrying on more efficiently their Crusade against the dram-shop. Mrs. Ferguson was chosen president of that organization. It was not in her nature to desire leading positions; but her high sense of moral duty impelled her to accept them when proffered, and urged by those in whom she had confidence. It was well that she accepted the presidency of the Woman's Christian Temperance League of Cincinnati; for, at the bidding of the liquor interest, the city authorities undertook to stop the Crusade. First, they tried the arts of diplomacy. The mayor and chief of police wrote to Mrs. Ferguson, as president of the organization, and tried to persuade her to desist from the work in which she and her associates were engaged, threatening the direst consequences if they refused. But the gifted, cultured, and refined leader of that temperance band replied so effectually to the appeals and threatenings of the city authorities that they abandoned diplomacy, and resorted to force, as many will still remember.

It is well known that for several years Mrs. Ferguson filled the office of district secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. That office was not of her seeking, though the objects and aims of the Society had her heartiest sympathies. It was expected that the secretary would travel through the district, deliver public missionary addresses, and organize societies in the several charges. This work called for qualifications which every one did not possess, and Mrs. Ferguson was obviously chosen to that position because it was known she was qualified for its duties. In fact, her moral and intellectual prominence determined the question of her leadership in that as well as other organizations.

Mrs. Ferguson's literary attainments were much above the average. To a strong and active intellect there was added careful and painstaking study. Her public addresses evinced the possession of a trained intellect, as well as natural gifts of a high order. They were clear in statement, logical in arrangement, and strikingly accurate and beautiful in language and style. Her contributions, both in prose and poetry, to the *Ladies' Repository*, many years ago, show that, if she had continued to cultivate literature as an art, in all probability she would have achieved large success in that field. But in her mature womanhood her desire to save souls, and her position as a pastor's wife, led her to renounce every ambition that was not distinctively religious. Her work in the missionary cause was precisely in the line of her aspirations. Hence in that work, and in all soul-saving work, she continued to be interested to the very close of her life.

About seven years ago she had a slight stroke of paralysis, from which she never fully recovered. After that she was almost wholly disabled from work in any sphere. For two years prior to her death she was entirely helpless, needing the constant care and attention of friends. But she was always patient and submissive, and could even "joy in tribulation," because the Divine Comforter was ever present. Her favorite theme of conversation was the riches of grace in Christ Jesus. No clouds obscured her sky; no doubts or fears interrupted her communion with God; no assault of the enemy disturbed or weakened in the least degree her early and steadfast faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. That faith, with its rich fruitage of peace and joy and hope, continued to the end.

At her quiet home in Dayton, Ohio, on November 22, 1893, she sweetly fell asleep in Jesus.

Mrs. Lucia W. Abrams.

LUCIA WOOLLEY was born at Pleasant Ridge, Hamilton County, Ohio, February 17, 1864, and died at the parsonage in Ripley, Ohio, March 27, 1894. At the age of twelve years she was happily converted, and became a member of the Presbyterian Church, to which her parents belonged. In 1882 she entered college at Hanover, Indiana, graduating in the classical course in 1888. From the time of her conversion she was an earnest Christian. While at college she was particularly efficient in the Sunday-school and in the Young Women's Christian Association.

On the 6th of November, 1889, she became the wife of the Rev. James E. Abrams, who was then pastor at King's Creek, Ohio. On that charge, and at Dalton, Catawba, and Ripley, Sister Abrams was highly esteemed by all who met her, and dearly loved by those who knew her well. She was in hearty sympathy with the work of her husband, and left nothing undone that would in any way assist him. She was ever a steadying and strengthening force in the home and in the Church.

Her last illness was extremely painful, yet through it all she was patient and uncomplaining. When informed that physicians and friends despaired of her recovery, she gave no indication of fear. Life with her husband and their three children would have been welcome, but death had no sting. Her plans for the children were discussed clearly, and every preparation for the end was made as calmly as if death was a familiar event. Some of her favorite hymns were sung, and, after loving words to the surrounding dear ones, this woman of great amiability, Christian devotion, and rare promise went home.

FRANK G. MITCHELL.

Mrs. Emily A. Miller.

MRS. EMILY A. MILLER, relict of Rev. Levi P. Miller, entered into rest on Saturday, August 18, 1894. She was born near Madisonville, Ohio, March 10, 1819, so that her earthly life compassed more than threescore and fifteen years. She was the second daughter of Smith Clason, a pioneer settler, who came to this section of the country in 1818 from Stamford, Connecticut.

All her life, when health and strength permitted, she was a regular attendant upon the services of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She gave her heart to Christ in her girlhood, and joined the Church in Madisonville in 1837, under the ministry of Rev. Adam Miller. For more than fifty years did this saintly woman serve God on earth, and in all that time her life was pure and blameless.

She was married to Rev. Levi P. Miller, November 14, 1839, the ceremony being performed by Rev. William B. Christy, and for a third of a century bore cheerfully the privations of the itinerancy. "None save those who have experienced them can ever know the hardships of the early ministers of our Church in the West, or how large a proportion of the burdens of the position fell to the lot of the wife and mother." That Mrs. Miller faithfully performed her duties to her family and to the Church is well known in all the fields of labor to which her husband was appointed. The care of the children devolved upon her in the necessary absence of her husband from home, and, after his death in 1872, she had the entire care of the household.

Mrs. Miller was a peculiarly sensitive and modest woman, and her piety was of the type that is seen rather than heard. Being a lady of culture, and possessed of many beautiful traits of character, her friends esteemed it a rare pleasure to hear her recount her experiences as the wife of an itinerant preacher. Her memory and conversational powers were unimpaired to the last.

One of the predominant traits of her character was her hopefulness. This was especially manifested during the moving seasons, and during these times she was a great solace to her husband. She was especially kind to the poor, often making great personal sacrifices to minister to their necessities. She was a great reader, and took a deep interest in the questions of the day, and in the darkest hours always looked on the bright side, believing with unwavering faith in the final triumph of right over wrong. During the last eighteen months of her illness she was entirely helpless, and was unable to read for herself, and her daughters cheerfully performed this work for her. She was particularly fond of Horatio Bonar's "Hymns of Love and Faith," and took great comfort in them. As the result of her long illness she became very nervous, and did not like to be left alone; but when alone she took great comfort from these words of the psalmist, "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee." A few hours before her death she asked for a song, and while her feet were pressing close to the Jordan her children sang her favorite hymn:

" My latest sun is sinking fast,
My race is nearly run;
My strongest trials now are past,
My triumph is begun.
O come, angel band,
Come and around me stand;
O bear me away on your snowy wings
To my eternal home!"

At ten o'clock on Saturday night, while all her living children stood by her bedside, her spirit was freed from the body, and passed to its reward in the skies. After a funeral service held in the church at Madison-

ville, her body was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the cemetery adjoining the village, where together they await the resurrection of the just.

"Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought, the race is won,
And thou art crowned at last."

D. LEE AULTMAN.

Mrs. Katharine M. Gullette.

KATHARINE MAPES, daughter of Rev. Charles and Annaretta Mapes, was born at Moores Hill, Ind., May 18, 1857, and died in Hamilton, Ohio, August 27, 1894. She graduated at Moores Hill College in the class of 1877, and on the 30th of August, of the same year, was united in marriage to Rev. C. W. Gullette, then of the Southeast Indiana Conference. Three children were born to them. The eldest, Leota, sleeps in the cemetery at Paola, Kansas, and the two younger, Ruby and Elaine, survive. As the wife of an itinerant minister she accepted appointments as in the order of God's providence, and met her responsibilities with cheerfulness. By transfer their work embraced two years in the Southeast Indiana, ten years in the Kansas, and five years in the Cincinnati Conference.

Her home was her empire. It was an empire of love. She lived in the realm of the affections. The heart of her was true and steadfast altogether. It knew neither distrust nor suspicion. Guileless as childhood itself she saw in others the reflection of her own transparent sincerity. Her world was a world of kindness, truth, virtue. Genial in manner, gentle in speech, and generous in action, she was a thoroughly graceful and gracious woman.

The influences of a Christian home early culminated in her conversion at the age of eleven years, under the preaching of Dr. John, now president of DePauw University. Her faith was simple. She believed God. No doubt darkened her trust. No philosophizing shook it. No stress of ill broke it. The things which she believed were real, abiding things, the substance of her life. Into them she was thoroughly rooted, and out of them drew the elements which grew into noble character. Her faith realized itself in conscious divine acceptance. She was a child of God. She knew it, rejoiced in it, affirmed it. There was no uncertainty. Her experience was clear and conclusive. It satisfied her to the full, and the joy of it was not eclipsed by the afflictions of her later years.

Her faith wrought itself into a life of devotion and humanity. She was reverent toward God and helpful toward human kind. Her piety was not ostentatious, but unmistakable. It fruited into good deeds. To neighbor her was pleasant. It held no rasping memories. Her life became the gospel, its fitting product, its fairest adornment—a sweet evangel of truth and charity. Such lives enrich the world and leave behind memories fragrant in death.

So lived Katharine Mapes Gullette. Her sun set at the earthly meridian. It rose upon the eternal day. Out of the beautiful parsonage home her gentle spirit passed into the Father's house to realize at last the dream of her life. Surely it was better than her best hope.

GEO. H. DART.

